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Uncrowned Queens

African American Women Community Builders
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Jennifer Parker

Owner and co-founder of the Black Capital Network.com, an informational and interactive web site community developed by The PreXcell Group to educate, empower and promote the African American Community. The web portal was designed to address the under exposure of Black owned businesses and to showcase the many talents and services that the African American community has to offer to local residents and the worldwide community.

The Black Capital Network.com was developed to fill the gap created by the inability of national black web portals to cover local businesses and community issues.

For more information:

<http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>

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African American Women Community Builders
of Western New York



Phyllis Wheatley Club

Text by Lillian S. Williams, Ph.D

Was one of the Buffalo black women's most significant organizations and suggests how they approached many of the contemporary issues that surfaced at the turn of the century. Its activities personified black women's reform in the Progressive Era and their notion of community.

The Phyllis Wheatley Club protested the exclusionary racial policies of the Board of Directors of the Pan American Exposition, held in Buffalo in 1901. At an interracial forum of 200 that the club sponsored at the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, Mary Talbert cogently argued for the inclusion of blacks. Talbert also spoke of the financial success of previous exhibits on African peoples, noting how important such exhibits had been in helping to break down negative racial stereotypes.

The club envisioned the formation of key alliances to succeed in its efforts toward change. It had been instrumental in organizing the NAACP in 1910, and it enjoyed widespread support from blacks and whites.

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of Western New York



Florence Hargrave Curtis

There is nothing Ms. Curtis is more passionate about than African American history. She has written six historical books and has searched her maternal lineage back to 1066 AD and her paternal ancestry back to 1634 AD.

Florence's fascination with her second great-grandmother Landonia Epps, led to her most unprecedented scholarly achievement, *Daughter Be Somebody* - a book that traces her family's history from 1740 through 1997. It is a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the determination of two families.

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Enid Wright

- Graduate from Buffalo State College with a degree in Elementary Education. Master's degree in counseling from the University of Buffalo.

- Taught honors classes and counseled students who had special needs at various Buffalo public schools (1962 - 1994).

- Art dealer and exhibitor. She has made countless trips to more than 15 African countries in search of unique artifacts.

- Active volunteer and leader with the BUILD organization.

- Member of the Buffalo Juneteenth Festival, Inc. and Chair of Financial Development.

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of Western New York



Barbara Kirkland Dennis

Human Service provider and a highly motivated individual who has effectively advocated for families since 1976.

First resident/member of Ken-Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services to be elected President of its Board of Directors after her efforts brought forth more than 400 new resident/members.

Founded Mothers Of Those In Crisis (M.O.T.I.C.) in 1980 - a self supported group of female Heads of Households with family members involved in the courts.

First African American Infirmary Nurse, Erie County Jail / Holding Center.

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of Western New York



Ruby Butts

As a community activist, Mrs. Butts served on the City of Buffalo's Human Relations Council; ran for public office; was president of the Buffalo chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPW); was one of ten nationally appointed regional organizers for NANBPW during the early '70s; founded the Sojourner Truth Club to provide services and programs for local young women.

She owned and operated The Healthful Food Shoppe for African Americans which was the first business of its kind in Buffalo

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of Western New York



The Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club

Was organized in Buffalo, New York in 1974 by Carolyn B. Thomas. Mrs. Thomas sought to perpetuate the memory of Mary B. Talbert, a towering pioneer who made Buffalo her home for many years.

This organization is an affiliate of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs which is the oldest African American Woman's Club in the United States (organized in 1886), the Buffalo Region, the Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., and the Northeastern Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

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of Western New York



Clara L. Payne

- Member of the Progressive Club's host committee for African Americans who visited the Pan American Exposition.
- First Black to work in Erie County's social welfare department.
- Founding member and Board of Director, Buffalo Urban League.
- Helped start the first integrated YWCA in Buffalo.
- Served as a volunteer nurse in World War I during the influenza epidemic of 1917 and 1918.

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Kwanzaa McCall

- Account Executive for WGRZ-TV, Channel 2.
- Graduate from the State University of New York at Buffalo, Phi Beta Kappa/Magna Cum Laude with a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in English and African American Studies.
- Member, Buffalo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Juneteenth Festival, Inc.; and North Buffalo Junior Athletic Association.
- Volunteer, Community Advisory Board for Community Schools #36 and #76 and the Western New York and Finger Lakes Chapter of the Leukemia Society.

For more information:

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Uncrowned Queen

African American Women Community Builders
of Western New York



Edith B. Robinson

- First Black President of the American Lung Association of WNY
- First Black local chairman of Volunteers, Vice Chairman Greater Buffalo, Chapter of American Red Cross
- First Black Vice Chairman and Secretary of the National Red Cross Convention
- First Black Vice President of Buffalo Chapter of National Association of Social Workers
- First Black Vice President and President Elect of Zonta Club of Buffalo
- First Black Female Board Member of Buffalo Philharmonic Society.

For more information:

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**STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
CLERK'S OFFICE**

I HEREBY CERIFY THAT, at a session of the Erie County Legislature held in County Hall, in Buffalo, on the 7th Day of February ,2002, A.D. a resolution will be adopted of which the following is a true copy:

WHERE AS, in 1899, the U.S. Congress passed an Act to encourage the holding of a Pan-American Exposition on the Niagara Frontier which opened in 1901, there were two exhibits that purported to represent African American and African communal life the "Old Plantation" and the "African Village", which were stereotypic depictions of the lives and accomplishments of African people, and

WHERE AS, in 1990 the Phyllis Wheatley Club of Colored Women met to publicly oppose the planned exhibits based on the content and the fact that there were few blacks employed by the exposition, and

WHERE AS, under the auspices of the Women's Pavilion Pan American 2001, Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold and Dr. Peggy Brooks Bertram are observing the 100 th year celebration of the Pan American Exhibition; they developed a project highlighting the accomplishments of African American women of WNY called "Uncrowned Queens" and

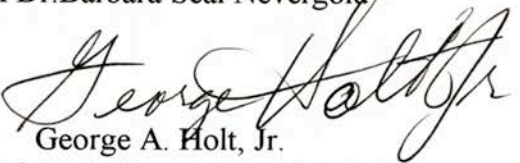
WHERE AS, Hundreds of women and their accomplishments as "community builders" are now displayed on the award winning web site
<http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>, and

WHERE AS, Dr. Barbara Nevergold resides in Buffalo with husband Paul sharing two adult children Alanna Marrow and Kyle. She is the Coordinator of Student Support Services at UB's Educational Opportunity Center and an instructor with Empire State College.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Erie County Legislature dose hereby pause in its deliberations to Acknowledge commend, and appreciate the contributions of Dr.Barbara Seal Nevergold to the people of Western New York.




George A. Holt, Jr.

3rd District Erie County Legislator

ATTEST



Laura A. Manzella
Clerk of Erie County Legislature

Feb 20, 2002

LOCAL NEWS



MARY B. TALBERT CULTURAL CLUB

Mary B. Talbert Club's 28th annual Awards Banquet

The Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club will host their 28th annual Awards Banquet on February 23 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens at 6pm. Dinner starts promptly at 6:30pm.

This year's theme is "Moving Forward with Faith, Grace, and Dignity." The proceeds of this event will be used to support the charitable activities of the club, which include food baskets, financial incentives for high school students and support for community service organizations.

The President's Community Service Award will be presented to Dr. Barbara Nevergold and

Dr. Peggy Brooks Bertram for their tireless work on the outstanding "Uncrowned Queens" project, a focus group of the Women's Pavilion Pan Am 2001. Donations will be presented to the Lupus Foundation of America, WNY Chapter and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Buffalo and WNY Chapter.

The co-chairs of this event are Mae Cola Williams and Ruby Grandberry. The president of the Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club is Sylvia Wright. Tickets are \$35 per person. For more information call 892-0239 or 893-1566.

Choice Committee Meetings

The Buffalo Public School District's Choice Committee, chaired by board member Jan Peters, will convene a series of Parent and Community forums to discuss the phase-in of Comprehensive

tional Technical Center (BVTC), 820 Northampton St.; Monday, February 25, Southside Elementary School, 430 Southside Pkwy.; and Thursday, February 28, School #45, 141 Hoyt St.

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MARY B. TALBERT CIVIC AND CULTURAL CLUB

"Women of the 21st Century Making a Difference"

28th Anniversary



Mary Burnette Talbert

1866 - 1923

Saturday, February 23, 2002

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1866 – 1923

The Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club was organized in Buffalo, New York on February 3, 1974 by Mrs. Carolyn B. Thomas in her home on Linwood Avenue. Mrs. Thomas sought to perpetuate the memory of this towering pioneer who made the City of Buffalo her home for many years.

Mary Burnette Talbert, a Red Cross Nurse and the American Expeditionary Forces in France during World War I, was born and educated in Oberlin, Ohio. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Oberlin College at the age of 19 and was the first woman to earn a Ph.D. from the State University of Buffalo. Returning home from the war, she found that the idealistic slogan of "fighting to make the world safe for democracy" was false for the American Negro. It was at the home of Mary B. Talbert on Michigan Avenue that Dr. W.E.B. Dubois came to organize the Niagara Movement, forerunner of the N. A. A. C. P., to protest this country's turbulent race riots.

Mrs. Talbert served as Vice-President, Director and Chairperson of the N.A.A.C.P.'s Anti-Lynching Campaign. She traveled thousands of miles throughout the United States speaking to mixed audiences to gain support. Mary B. Talbert served as President of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs from 1916 to 1920. As President of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Association, Mrs. Talbert was responsible for the restoration of the Frederick Douglass Home of Anacostia in 1922. She also served as a delegate to the International Council of Women of Christiania, Norway in 1920. She traveled throughout Europe lecturing on race relations and women's rights.

The ideals and good works of this noble woman will live in the hearts of many for years to come. She is truly an inspiration to us all.



President's Message Sylvia Wright A Call To Service

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 28th annual banquet of the Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club, affiliate of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. (NACWC), the oldest African American women's organization in the United States. Our organization is dedicated to promoting the growth and development of our

local and national communities by providing financial support and encouragement to those in need.

Membership in the Mary B. Talbert Club affords members the opportunity to participate in volunteer work, engage in community service, and to enhance the quality of life for our neighbors. We are striving to preserve the noble ideals of the founders of the NACWC by "Lifting as we Climb for God and Humanity,"

Volunteer service is a very important part of building a strong community. It strengthens the bond between us and creates unity. Caring is contagious and by giving compassion and understanding we hope to encourage the same in kind.

Our service initiatives cover a broad range of activities, all intended to assist the disadvantaged, distressed, and people at risk. Over the years we have provided support to the Cornerstone Manor, Sickle Cell Foundation, Lupus Foundation, the United Negro College Fund, Women for Human Rights and Dignity and many other not-for-profit organizations. We offer food baskets to families in need and financial incentives to high school students. If you have an unfulfilled desire to reach out and touch someone in need, consider becoming a member of our group. Contact any one of the members for additional information. We all have something to give.

We thank you for your continued support.

Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club Members



Seated (left to right):

Essie Hicks, Willa Mae Fields, Sylvia Wright,
Jeanette Morgan, Dorothy Bass,
Mary Alice Newkirk.

Standing (left to right):

Jessie Ector, Cheryl Thomas, Ruby Grandberry,
Avivia Merritt, Lynne Clawson-Woods, Beatrice
Anderson, Darlene Mitchell, Marietta Gayle, Grace
Williams, Vivian Coram, Mae Cola Williams.

Not pictured:

Jeanne Gaye, Priscilla Parker, Sharonn Clawson

Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club Presidents

1974 - 2002

Mrs. Carolyn B. Thomas . . .	1974 - 1975 (Founder)
Mrs. Annie Brown	1975 - 1976
Mrs. Jannie Davis	1976 - 1979 (deceased)
Mrs. Ruby Grandberry	1984
Mrs. Grace Williams	1984 - 1986
Ms. Marcella O. Davis	1986 - 1989
Mrs. Viviam Coram	1989 - 1992
Mrs. Mary Preston	1992 - 1994
Mrs. Ruby Grandberry	1994 - 1995
Mrs. Mae Cola Williams	1995 - 1997
Mrs. Jessie F. Ector	1997 - 2001
Mrs. Sylvia Wright	2001-2002

Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club Officers and Members

President	Sylvia E. Wright
First Vice President	Jeanne Gaye
Second Vice President	Mary Alice Newkirk
Recording Secretary	Jeanette D. Morgan
Assistant Recording Secretary	Cheryl Thomas
Financial Secretary	Willie Mae Fields
Treasurer	Essie Hicks
Corresponding Secretary	Dorothy Bass
Parliamentarian	Mae Cola Williams
Chaplain	Aviva Merritt
Sunshine	Marietta Gayle

Beatrice Anderson • Vivian Coram
 Jessie Ector • Ruby Grandberry
 Lynne Clawson-Woods • Darlene Mitchell
 Grace Williams • Priscilla Parker
 Sharonn Clawson

Honorary Members

Carolyn B. Thomas • Mary Crosby Chappelle

Banquet Committee

General Chairperson	Mae Cola Williams
Ticket Chairperson	Vivian Coram
Journal Chairperson	Jeanette D. Morgan
Publicity Chairperson	Aviva Merritt
Awards	Cheryl Thomas

In Loving Memory Of our deceased Members

Minnie Gillette • Jean Evans
 Mervine Miller • Rhoda Townsend
 Mildred Bowman • Willa Underwood
 Rose Marie Avery • Reatha Barber
 Janie Davis

"Gone But Not Forgotten"



Barbara Seals Nevergold

has two Master's degrees and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University at Buffalo. She is an educator, administrator, community, and political activist who has served in leadership roles on numerous local and national boards. A vocal advocate for parental involvement in the public schools, she cofounded Concerned Parents and Citizens for Quality Education, Inc. which is credited with increasing public awareness of educational issues and organizing parents as effective advocates. She has worked professionally with several organizations that have served the interests of women, children and families. Currently, she is Coordinator of Student Support Services at UB's Educational Opportunity Center. She is also an instructor at Empire State College where she teaches courses in Domestic Violence, Counseling, Family Therapy, Child Welfare and Human Service Delivery Systems.



Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram

is a graduate of the John Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health where she received both a Master and Doctorate of Public Health. She is an educator, administrator, community, and political activist. She has also served in leadership roles on numerous local and national boards. She has a distinguished record of community service. She is the recipient of the 2001 Distinguished Achievement Award for Outstanding Contributions to African American History and Culture from Morgan State University. Currently she is Adjunct Assistant Professor, African American Studies and Center for the Americans at the University of Buffalo and is near completion of a second doctorate in American Studies.

Drs. Bertram and Nevergold are the recipients of the UB Star Award 2001 for outstanding work on the Pan-American Exposition centennial celebration with the Uncrowned Queens Project.



*In Loving Memory
Of my Mother
Lois L. Gethers,
A lady of style and grace.*

*I miss you,
Sylvia*

CONGRATULATIONS TO ESSIE HICKS
AND THE MARY B. TALBERT CIVIC AND CULTURAL CLUB
ON THEIR 28th ANNIVERSARY

CLAUDE HARRIS	ROSE CURRY
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FRED YOUNG	RUSSELL W. ALEXANDER
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HARVEY L. RAY	MARJORIE GREER
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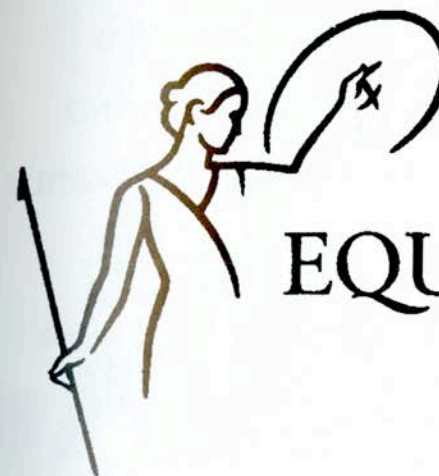
IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER,
GRANDMOTHER, MRS. MAGGIE LEE WEST,
AND UNCLE LEE MURRAY.

*There is no day that we don't think of you both;
Because when God called you home,
We lost two of the dearest and loving people in our lives.
It will never be the same without your beautiful laugh mother,
And your great advice. We miss calling you any hour of the day or night.
We know that you are looking down on us with that big smile.*

UNCLE LEE, WE MISS YOU SO MUCH.
YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE FOR US
EVEN TO THE END.

*"THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES."
ISAIAH 40:31*

WE LOVE YOU,
BEATRICE L. ANDERSON
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AND THE MARY B. TALBERT CIVIC AND
CULTURAL CLUB FROM YOUR LOVING FAMILY.

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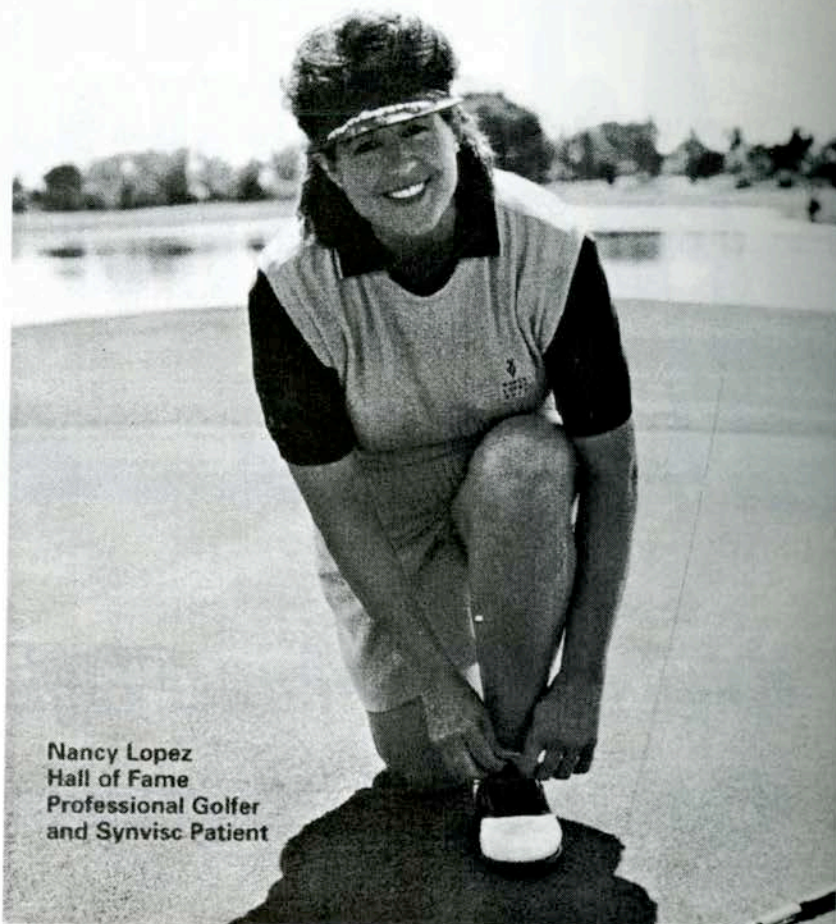
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To Aunt Grace:

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The Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club
on your
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In loving memory of your dear friend
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November 12, 2001
Who are you Mary B. Talbert?

Mary Talbert, Mary Talbert,
Were you the Talbert Mall
Whose name was changed to
Frederick Douglas Towers,
Because no one knew
You were a black woman?

Mary Talbert, Mary Talbert,
Are you the Talbert Hall
On the grounds of U.B.,
Where no one knows your name,
As they saunter in and out
Of your doors?

Mary Talbert, Mary Talbert,
Did you become the first woman
To proudly obtain a Ph.D.
At the University of Buffalo,
To let us know what we can do?

Mary Talbert, Mary Talbert
Did you begin the fight, for
The rights of coloured women
To vote and be recognized?

Mary Talbert, Mary Talbert,
Did you stage a protest during
The Pan American Exposition, in Buffalo
Because of the degradation of Negroes,
At the coloured exhibition, in the midway?

Mary Talbert, Mary Talbert
Does your oak dining room table
Still stand tall, from the strength
Of Frederick Douglas, W.E.B. Dubois
And you; planning the foundation
Of the NAACP?

Mary Talbert, Mary Talbert,
Did you help advance the rights
Of coloured people;
People who still don't
Know who you are?

Mary Talbert, Mary Talbert
Who are you?
Where are you?

This poem was written after I read an article in the Buffalo News by Donn Esmonde. I had heard the name Mary B. Talbert many times, but didn't know the accomplishments she achieved, nor the Strength of her attributes. Since then I have become an avid Admirer of Mrs. Mary Burnett Talbert.

Sincerely,
Ms. Priscilla Y. Parker
180 Easton Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14215

(716) 891-4035
E-Mail: cleop1870@aol.com

Program

Welcome and
Introduction of Mistress of Ceremonies Sylvia Wright, President
Mistress of Ceremonies Vivian Coram
"Lift Every Voice and Sing" Audience
Invocation Avivia Merritt

Dinner

Profiles and Presentation of Awards

Community Service Awards Presented by Sylvia Wright
and Jessie Ector

"Uncrowned Queens" Co-Chairs:
Barbara Seals Nevergold, Ph.D.
Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Ph.D.

Donations

Lupus Foundation Presented by Ruby Grandberry
Sickle Cell Anemia Presented by Mae Cola Williams

"Uncrowned Queens" Induction Ceremony

Introduction of Club Members
and Closing Remarks Sylvia Wright

Moment of Silence for our deceased members

Benediction Club Song

Music and Dancing

Music provided by the James McAdory, the "Mac Man"

≈ MENU ≈

House Salad

(Individually Served)

Buffet Includes

Fettuccini with Marinara Sauce

Meat Balls

Oven Baked Boneless Breast of Chicken

Baked Virginia Ham

Top Round of Beef

(Carved at Table to Order)

Potato

Gravy

Carrots

Mixed Vegetables

Spanish Olive Salad

Marinated Vegetable Salad

Rolls and Butter

Dessert Selections

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Cheese Cake with Choice of Sauce

Sundaes - Strawberry, Mint, Chocolate

Chocolate Brownie with Ice Cream

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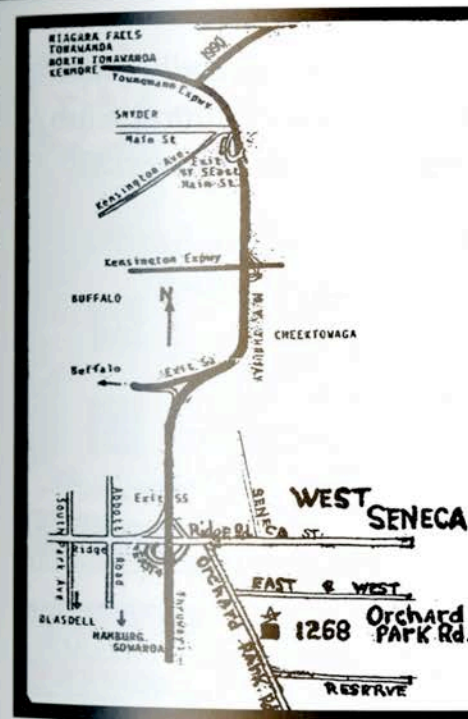
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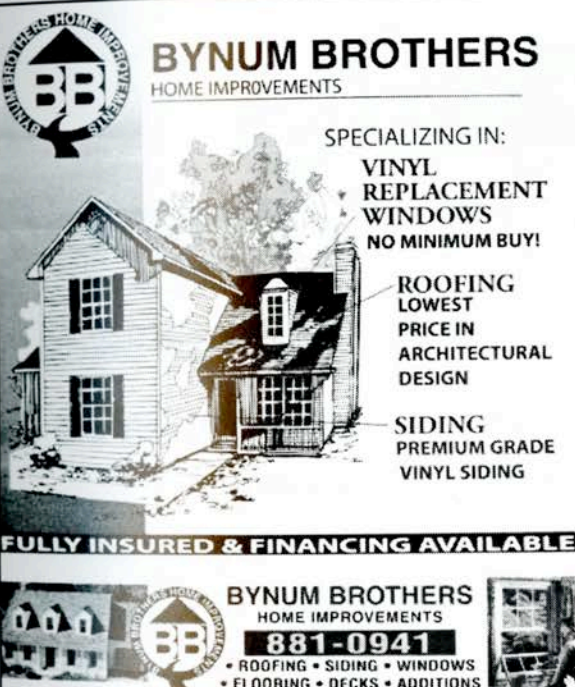
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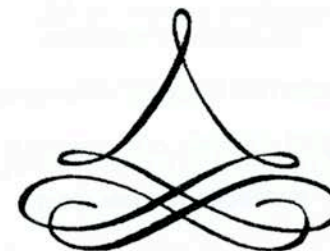
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Let's pay our deep respect
Because it was their initiation
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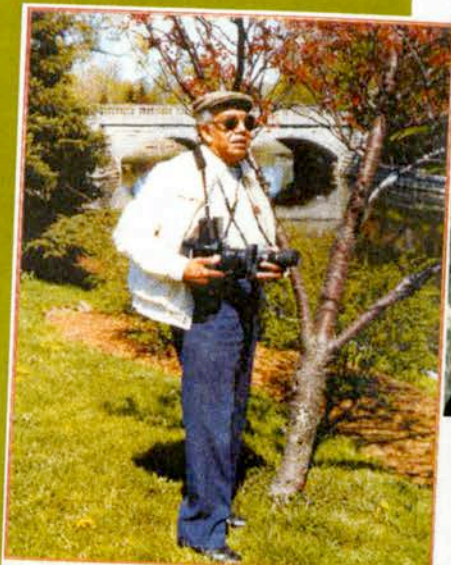
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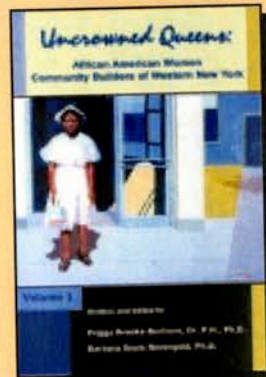
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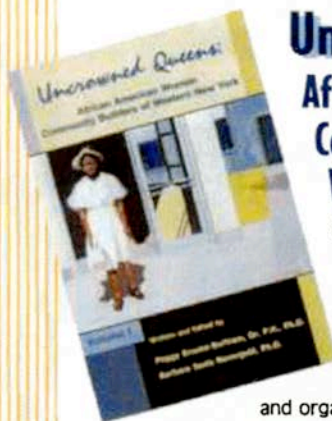
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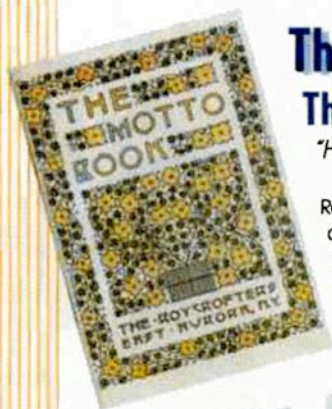
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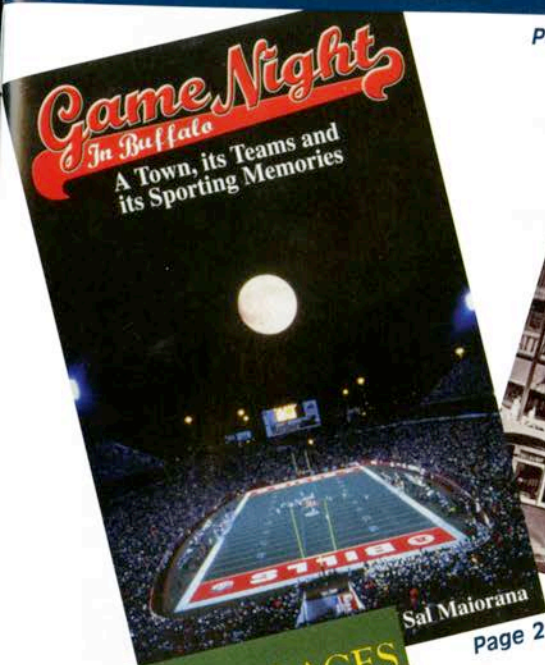
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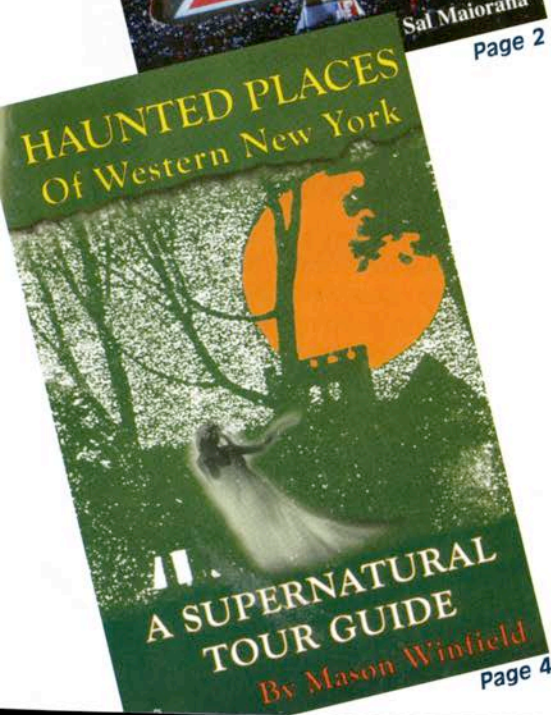
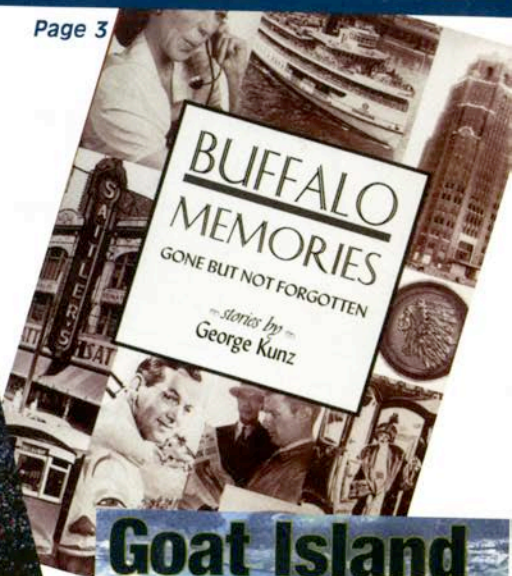
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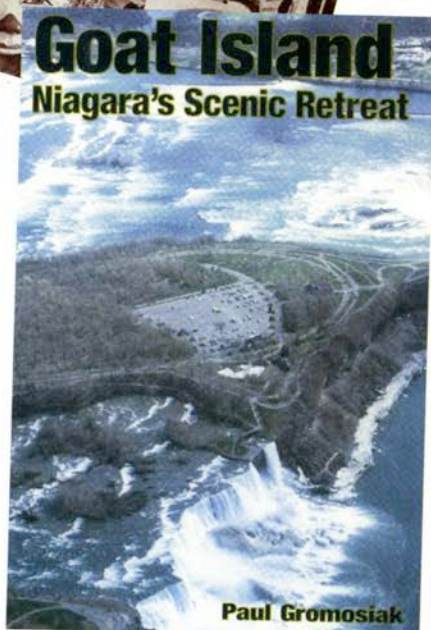
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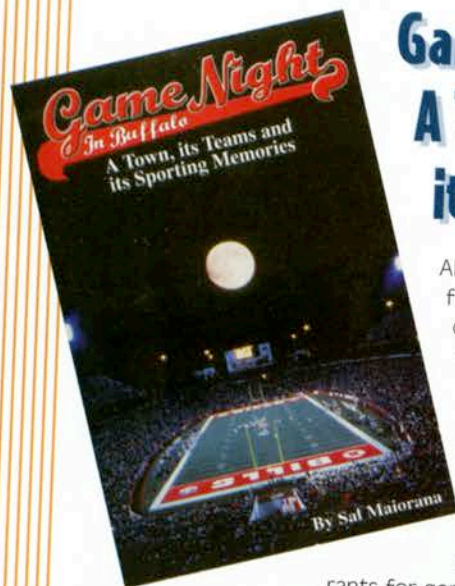
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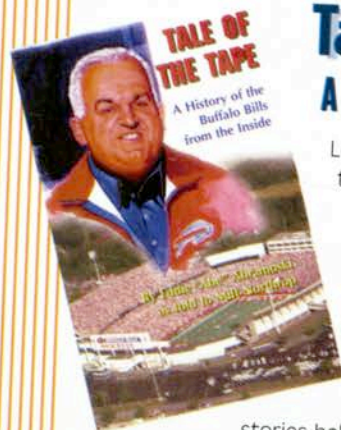
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Leave it to Eddie "Abe" Abramowski, a 35-year veteran of the NFL wars, to capture the emotion, humor and character of the game. "Uncle Abe" joined the team in its first season in 1960, retiring as a legendary trainer in 1995. In this first-of-a-kind book, Abe recounts the team's history, as told to Milt Northrop.

Tale of the Tape is filled with revealing anecdotes and dozens of photographs.

As Steve Tasker said, "If you really want to know the stories behind the scenes of the Buffalo Bills, this book lets you sit at the feet of the greatest storytelling 'Bill' of them all!"

ISBN: 1-879201-41-0

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Buffalo Memories: Gone But Not Forgotten

"Shop and Save at Sattler's 9-9-8 Broadway."

The rumble of the Canadiana's mighty engines as it cruised toward Crystal Beach.

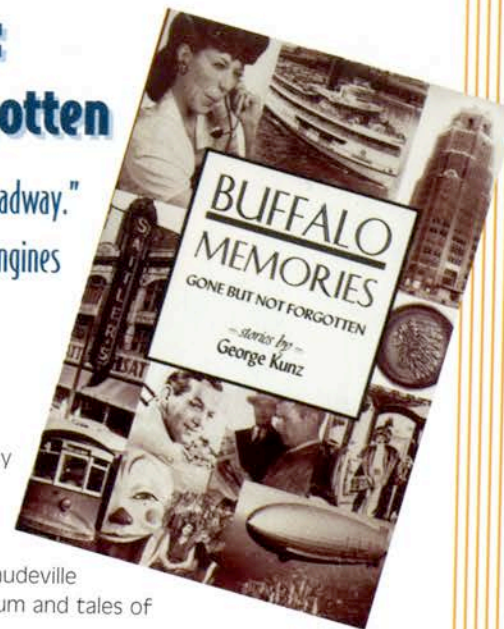
The people-packed concourse in Central Terminal.

Prepare for a dazzling trip down memory lane. The book includes about 150 columns penned by the late George Kunz, slices-of-life that touch on everything from the Piece Arrow and Vaudeville Days, to afternoons at Offermann Stadium and tales of Buffalo during the Great Depression.

It's a 344-page treasure trove of local nostalgia that is supplemented with dozens of photographs and vintage cartoons. Published by Canisius College Press, *Buffalo Memories* casts a brilliant spotlight on the region's proud past.

ISBN: 0-9671480-9-X

\$15.00



Victorian Buffalo

Images From the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library

Take an insightful armchair tour of Buffalo as it looked in the 19th century.

Victorian Buffalo showcases our region's glorious past by presenting a collection of steel engravings, woodcuts, lithography and other forms of nonphotographic art.

Author Cynthia Van Ness has selected a medley of scenes that will give readers glimpses of everyday life as well as views of historic structures created by luminaries like Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Sullivan and E. B. Green.

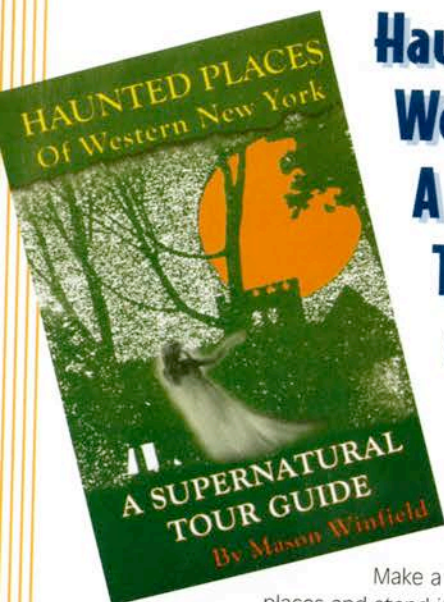
Victorian Buffalo also highlights some obscure but fascinating local sites like the German American Brewing Company, White's Riding Academy, the Home for the Friendless and many other intriguing spots.

The 152-page book includes enlightening literary vignettes penned by Van Ness, a local librarian.

ISBN: 1-879201-30-5

\$13.95





Haunted Places of Western New York A Supernatural Tour Guide

Ghostly Road Maps to Mystery Places

The author of *Shadows of the Western Door* takes you on a haunted history tour of Western New York's mansions, inns, churches, battlefields, and more.

Make a vision quest of your own to ancient holy places and stand in the energy sites. Scout for mystery monsters or UFOs in one of the legendary "X-Zones" with the founder of the Buffalo and East Aurora ghost walks.

"Every spot on earth has mystery," writes respected author Mason Winfield in his introduction. "Some spots have more than others, and that's what this book is about — a tour guide to mystery places in Western New York, the traditional Seneca territory."

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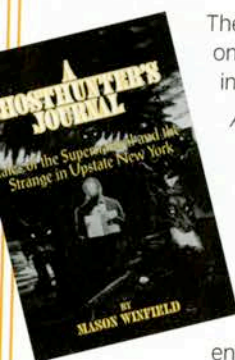
A Ghosthunter's Journal: Tales of the Supernatural and the Strange in Upstate New York

The author who penned *Shadows of the Western Door* takes us on yet another electrifying journey down the dark lanes of our intriguing region.

A Ghosthunter's Journal: Tales of the Supernatural and the Strange in Upstate New York is comprised of 13 fictional stories inspired by the Western New York files of Mason Winfield. This East Aurora-based paranormal investigator and 21st century "ghosthunter" combines his knowledge of the supernatural with his storytelling ability to create a work that causes the proverbial "suspension of disbelief." The result is a delightfully diverse smorgasbord of strange encounters, all of them set in Western New York.

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Spirits of the Great Hill: More Haunted Sites and Ancient Mysteries of Upstate New York

This sequel to *Shadows of the Western Door* poses some fascinating questions:

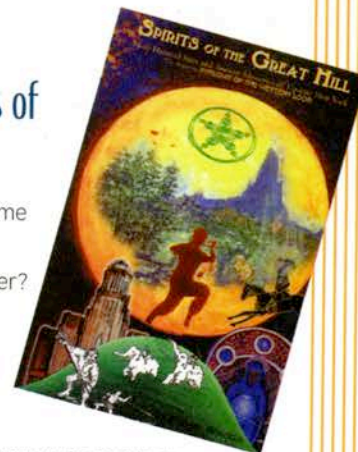
- Does a historic curse linger over the Niagara Frontier?
- Is a mystical treasure, a spiritual energy force, buried somewhere in the local landscape?
- Was Buffalo set up and designed by occult societies?

Leave it to Mason Winfield to lead us on yet another journey to mystery places, haunted sites and hidden — sometimes forbidden — historical legacies.

Anyone seeking the mysterious underside of our region, including dozens of good old-fashioned ghosts, need look no further.

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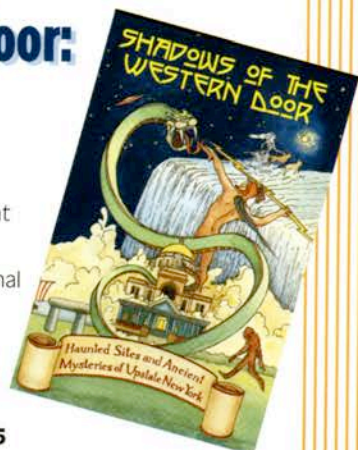
Shadows of the Western Door: Haunted Sites and Ancient Mysteries of Upstate New York

Prepare for a journey through fact, fiction and outright puzzle down the dark lanes of upstate legacy.

Shadows of the Western Door is Mason Winfield's original supernatural survey of Western New York. Colorful, provocative and sometimes electrifying, this unique study always entertains. After this walk on its wilder side, Western New York will never quite look the same!

ISBN: 1-879201-22-4

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Ghost Stories on Compact Disc

Listen as Mason Winfield narrates more than a dozen of his most popular supernatural vignettes from *Shadows of the Western Door*. This limited edition 70-minute CD includes a full-color insert

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Church Tales of the Niagara Frontier: Legends, History & Architecture



This first-of-a-kind book traces the rich history and folklore of the Niagara Frontier through brief intriguing accounts of more than 60 area churches and places of worship.

The late Austin M. Fox compiled memorable stories of sacred sites, from magnificent urban cathedrals to the quaint village churches that many of our parents and grandparents may have attended.

Church Tales includes 125 vivid photographs and renderings. The detailed pen-and-ink drawings were created by respected Buffalo artist Lawrence McIntyre. The volume is both attractive and user-friendly, with graphic design services supplied by Melissa McIntyre Daily.

The 128-page softcover book includes a comprehensive index and sections on the old churches of downtown Buffalo and church organs.

In many respects, this riveting work is a history of the Niagara Frontier as told by its churches. The places of worship are located in more than 30 cities, towns and villages across Western New York and Southern Ontario.

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Buffalo Niagara's Best Restaurants



A handy guide to finding eating establishments in the Buffalo area. The book includes detailed restaurant descriptions, photographs and menu highlights. Published by The Buffalo News, the guide includes a user-friendly dining chart that gives readers at-a-glance information about each restaurant's cuisine, pricing, parking and reservations policies. **\$6.95**

Tips for Finding a Publisher

"I have a great idea for a regional book. How do I get it published?"

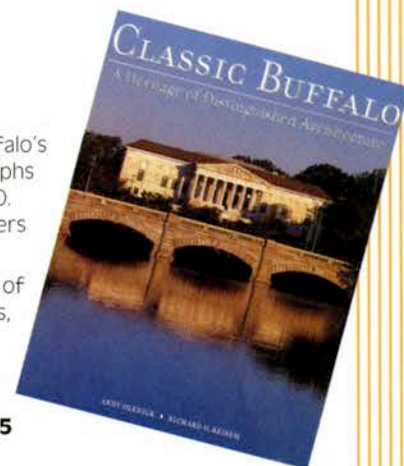
Hundreds of local residents have contacted Western New York Wares over the years to ask that question. Writing books is fun. Finding a publisher or distributor can be unpleasant, frustrating and downright maddening.

Our company publishes about 3 percent of the ideas that are pitched to us. These may sound like discouraging odds, but they're actually much better than the odds in major publishing houses.

If you have an idea for a book, keep in mind that our company only publishes non-fiction works with distinct regional themes. In other words, our niche is — and always will be — books about Western New York.

Visit our Web site (www.buffalobooks.com) and check out the tips included in the "How to Publish" section. After you've reviewed the site, send us a one-to-two page summary of your book idea (no phone calls, please). Give us a few weeks, and we'll get back to you.

Classic Buffalo: A Heritage of Distinguished Architecture



This stunning hardcover book pays tribute to Buffalo's architectural heritage. Striking full-color photographs by Andy Olenick and an engaging text by Richard O. Reisem make *Classic Buffalo* a keepsake for admirers of the region's outstanding buildings and spaces.

Represented in this coffee-table book are dozens of prominent commercial and public buildings, churches, educational institutions, clubs and private residences. Dramatic interior and exterior photographs capture the buildings' architectural detail.

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Frederick Law Olmsted's Point Chautauqua: The Story of an Historic Lakeside Community

Edgar Conkling's enchantment with Point Chautauqua began the moment that he came upon this picturesque lakeside community in the autumn of 1975. Though he did not know it then, this was precisely 100 years from the time of its creation by celebrated landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.

In a fascinating 135-page book, Conkling explores Lake Chautauqua, its region and the Allegheny foothill country. He also examines Point Chautauqua's legacy as a religious community, resort and residential community.

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Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin D. Martin House:

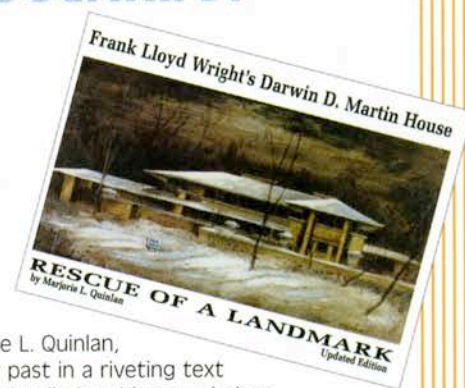
Rescue of a Landmark

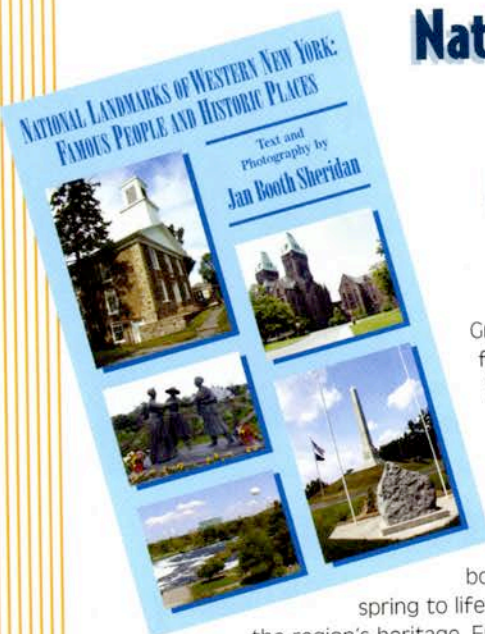
The untold story of the abandonment and rescue of the region's most architecturally significant home is recounted in vivid detail in this updated work. The Darwin D. Martin House on Jewett Parkway is revered as an outstanding example of Wright's Prairie House ideal.

Written by Williamsville art historian Marjorie L. Quinlan, the book traces the landmark's topsy-turvy past in a riveting text sprinkled with anecdotes, color photos and detailed architectural plans. Quinlan spent years interviewing sources and scouring documents in order to author a book that examines the structure from numerous perspectives.

ISBN: 1879201-32-1

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National Landmarks of Western New York: Famous People and Historic Places

Gracious mansions and thundering waterfalls. Battleships and nostalgic fireboats. Power plants and Indian long houses.

A new book by Jan Booth Sheridan showcases the region's unique array of historic, natural and architectural attractions.

But *National Landmarks* isn't just a book about buildings. Fascinating characters spring to life in an engaging text, shedding new light on the region's heritage. From the British general who captured Old

Fort Niagara from the French, to Harriet Tubman's heroic involvement in the Underground Railroad, readers will be introduced to some fascinating characters as they explore world-class architecture.

And be prepared for some surprises. Did you know that the oldest operational fireboat in the nation is docked in downtown Buffalo? Or that the oldest cobblestone church in North America is right here in Western New York?

Dozens of photographs, addresses, locator maps and a comprehensive index make this a handy guide.

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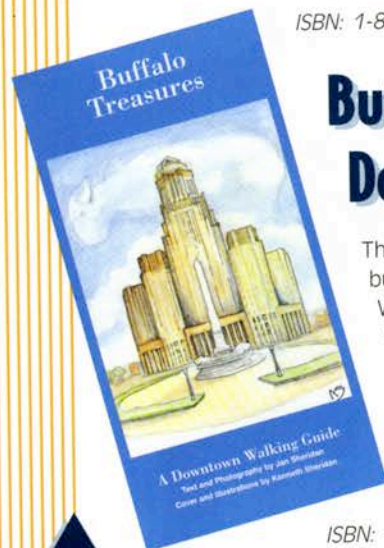
Buffalo Treasures: A Downtown Walking Guide

This informative walking tour showcases 25 major buildings in Buffalo's historic downtown corridor. Written by Jan Sheridan and illustrated by Kenneth Sheridan, the pocket-size guide takes readers on a walk that lasts between two and four hours.

Buffalo Treasures includes a map with all sites clearly identified, photographs, addresses and short descriptions that shed light on each structure's history and architecture.

ISBN: 1-879201-15-1

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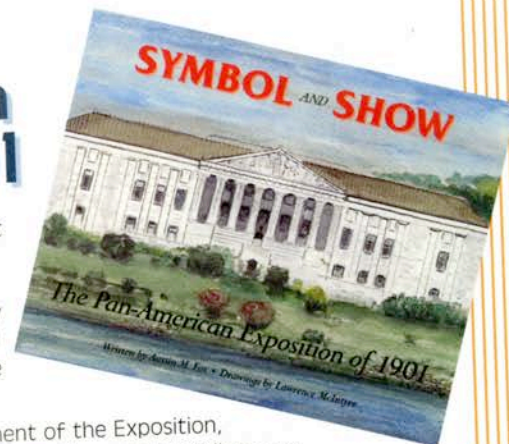


Symbol & Show: The Pan-American Exposition of 1901

A riveting look at perhaps the greatest event in Buffalo's history. Written by the late Austin M. Fox and illustrated by Lawrence McIntyre, *Symbol & Show* was originally published in 1987. A new edition was released to commemorate the Pan-Am's centennial.

Symbol & Show offers a lively assessment of the Exposition, bringing to light many half-forgotten facts. The major buildings are beautifully illustrated and the 128-page book features a copy of an original map pinpointing the locations of all attractions.

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The Rainbow City: Celebrating Light, Color and Architecture at the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo 1901

The story of Buffalo's glorious moment, recounted in 160 pages and more than 200 images. *The Rainbow City* revisits the Pan-Am, revealing the ambitious color and architectural scheme that symbolically celebrated the progress of civilization.

Written by Kerry S. Grant of the University at Buffalo, *The Rainbow City* offers a revealing glimpse of an era when Buffalo was the eighth largest city in the U.S. Designed by national award-winning designer David Buck, the book includes recently restored paintings by John Ross Key, color renderings of the Exposition and original advertisements and paraphernalia.

Published by Canisius College Press, *The Rainbow City* includes an introduction by William H. Seiner of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society.

ISBN: 0-9671480-5-7

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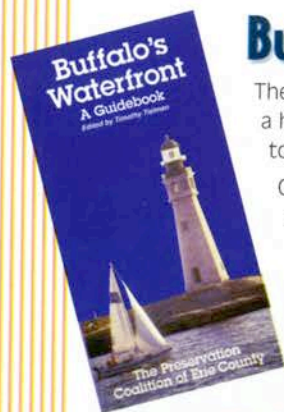


Pan-American Exposition: A Bird's-Eye View of Sights & Sounds

Twelve Pan-Am musical selections are included on a CD-Rom written and narrated by Raya Lee.

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Buffalo's Waterfront: A Guidebook

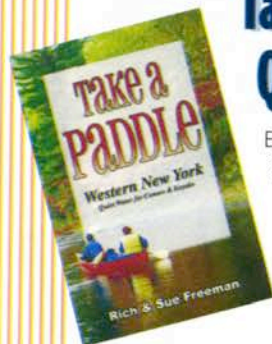
The region's waterfront has fascinated visitors for a century and a half. Finally, there is a guide for urban adventurers and armchair tourists alike.

Complete with illustrations, maps, self-guided tours and pithy descriptions, this book is your passport to the region's most intriguing neighborhood.

Edited by Tim Tielman, this 71-page guide is published by the Preservation Coalition of Erie County.

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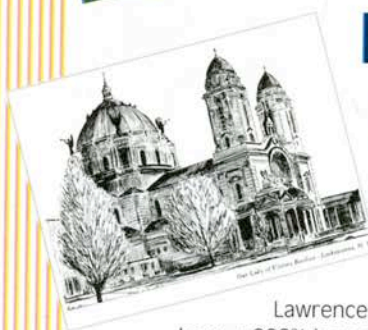


Take a Paddle: Western New York Quiet Water for Canoes & Kayaks

Explore our region in a fun and adventurous way! Offering over 250 miles of flat-water creeks and rivers, and 20 picturesque ponds and lakes. The 224-page guide covers 10 counties, including Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus. More than 50 maps!

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Limited First Edition Lithographs: Western New York Landmarks

These collectors' items are individually numbered and initialed by prominent Western New York artist Lawrence McIntyre. Only 500 prints were made and there has been a 200% increase in value since the initial offering. The 21 landmarks depict scenes that are familiar to local residents who are proud of the Niagara Frontier:

- Albright-Knox Art Gallery
- Buffalo Canoe Club Boathouse
- Buffalo City Hall
- Buffalo Club
- Buffalo Lighthouse
- Buffalo Yacht Club
- Canadiana/Crystal Beach Boat
- Central Park United Methodist Church
- Crag, Burn Club, East Aurora
- Erie Basin Marina
- Erie Community College (city Campus)
- Hayes Hall/University of Buffalo
- Historical Building (Buffalo)
- Kenmore West High School
- Maritime Museum, Virginia Beach
- Nardin Academy (Buffalo)
- Old County Hall (Buffalo)
- Our Lady of Victory Basilica
- The Place, Buffalo
- St. Joseph's New Cathedral
- St. Paul's Cathedral

Each 18" by 24" print is ready for framing (however, a mat is suggested)
Individual prints \$60.00 each (add \$3 per print for shipping and handling)

The Erie Canal: The Ditch that Opened a Nation

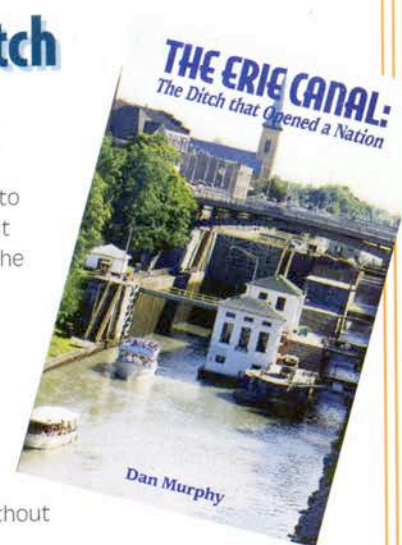
Imagine spending \$4 billion in today's currency to dig a ditch four-feet deep and 40-feet wide. Is it any wonder why Thomas Jefferson described the concept of a manmade waterway linking the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean as "little short of madness?"

But as laborers clawed shovels of earth from the ground in a 363-mile trek across New York's wilderness, they achieved one of the greatest engineering feats in American history. Oddly enough, it was accomplished without the aid of a single professional engineer!

A resurgence in interest in the Erie Canal spurred Tonawanda journalist Dan Murphy to write a book filled with riveting anecdotes and little-known facts. The book includes more than 20 photos and many user-friendly features, including "Frequently Asked Questions" about the canal.

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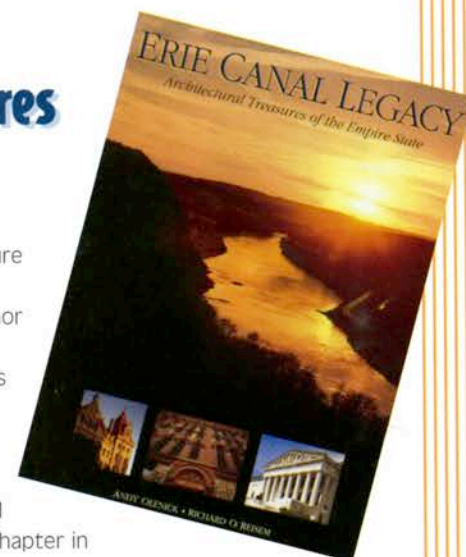
Erie Canal Legacy: Architectural Treasures of the Empire State

This remarkable tribute to a national treasure takes readers on a journey along the canal route. Photographer Andy Olenick and author Richard O. Reisem have created a stunning guide that chronicles the people and events that shaped the Erie Canal.

This hardcover book is a collection of historic landmarks in cities and villages along the canal route. Full-color photos and an enlightening text shed light on an epic chapter in our rich history.

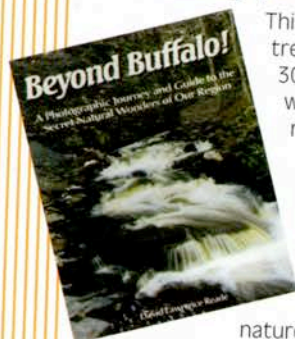
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Beyond Buffalo

A Photographic Journey and Guide to the Secret Natural Wonders of Our Region



This stunning visual celebration of our region's unique natural treasures takes readers on a memorable armchair tour of nearly 30 sites. Filled with stunning full color photographs and vividly written descriptions, *Beyond Buffalo!* will undoubtedly spur many readers to explore these natural wonders firsthand.

With this in mind, author and photographer David Lawrence Reade has included user-friendly maps and detailed directions to assist readers in finding these memorable places.

Have you ever been to Taughannock Falls, the highest waterfall in the northeast? Even higher than the mighty Niagara? Or how about Pine Creek Gorge, revered by nature enthusiasts as Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon?

Beyond Buffalo! also transports readers to Rimrock, offering breathtaking views of the Allegheny Reservoir and the Allegheny National Forest. The photographer perches high atop some immense boulders creating a feast for the eyes.

Then there's the Eternal Flame in Chestnut Ridge Park which continues to burn as waterfalls cascade all around it. Also included are sections on Zoar Valley, Watkins Glen and scenic sites in Ontario.

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Birding in Central & Western New York

Birding Trails and Water Routes for Finding Birds

Learn where and when to go to find birds in Central and Western New York. Norman E. Wolfe, an author and birding consultant, shares his expertise to increase readers' enjoyment of birdwatching.

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Where to Find Birds in Cattaraugus County, New York 27 Sites From Allegany State Park to Zoar Valley

Cattaraugus County may be the best-kept secret in the Western New York birding community. With the largest state park in New York, more than 33,000 acres of state forest and a major migratory corridor to the Mississippi flyway, Cattaraugus offers birders unparalleled opportunities.

Written by Jeffrey M. Reed, the guide includes a seasonal abundance chart and a list of useful telephone numbers.

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Snow Trails: Cross-Country Ski and Snowshoe in Central & Western New York

Where do you go when Western New York is blanketed with snow? This definitive guide covers more than 80 trails from Buffalo to Syracuse and Rochester to Pennsylvania. Packed with maps and information every winter enthusiast needs to know to maximize their adventures in the snow, this book is written by Rich and Sue Freeman.

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Peak Experiences: Hiking the Highest Summits in New York, County by County

Packed with pictures and maps, this informative guidebook will lead you on a new quest. Bag the highest point in each county of New York – all 62 of them! Some are barely molehills. Others are significant mountain peaks that require a full day's climb. All of them will deliver the exhilaration that comes in making new discoveries. Written by Gary Fallesen.

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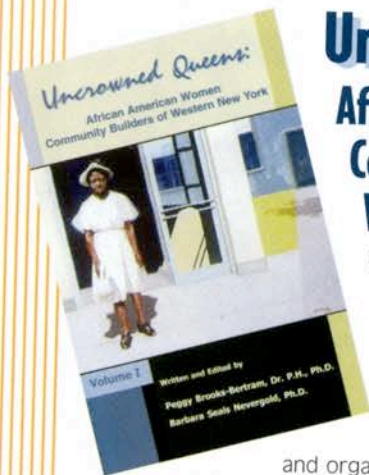
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200 Waterfalls in Central & Western New York: A Finder's Guide

A unique map-filled guidebook that shows you where to find waterfalls and when to visit them for best viewing. Written by Rich and Sue Freeman, the indexed book includes nearly 40 photos. Some waterfalls can be viewed during an effortless drive-by, while others require a more challenging hike. All of them offer new adventures for folks who appreciate the region's natural beauty.

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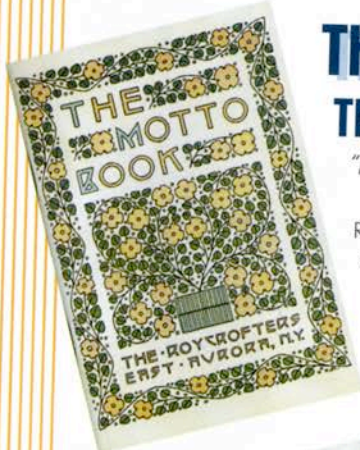
Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York

One hundred extraordinary women are profiled in a unique book that celebrates the accomplishments of our region's "community builders." Some of the African American women are well-known. Others have been without previous recognition. But they have all made significant contributions in various arenas, including education, health, arts, religion and organized labor.

Authored by local historians Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold, the 178-page book includes a comprehensive index.

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The Motto Book The Roycrofters, East Aurora, NY

"Happiness is a habit: Cultivate it." —
Elbert Hubbard

Reprinted from the original Motto Book, the sales catalog of Mottoes sold by the Roycrofters. This nostalgic 68-page collection of epi-grams by Fra Elbertus (Elbert Hubbard), assisted at times by such luminaries as Shakespeare, Benjamin Franklin and Walt Whitman, is a refreshing and inspiring literary journey.

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Buffalo Bluff

A game of cunning hometown deception where players try to trick opponents by concocting lies about local people, places and events. Conceived by Brian Meyer and local entrepreneurs Brenda Alesii and Dan Locche.

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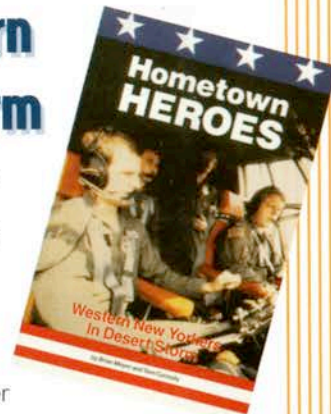
Original Price: \$13.95 Sale **\$7.95**

Hometown Heroes: Western New Yorkers in Desert Storm

This isn't a book about war; it's a book about people and how their lives were touched by Desert Storm. From Buffalo-area soldiers who lived in the scorching sands of Saudia Arabia, to peace activists who promoted debate back home, this is a story about how local residents helped to shape history.

Authors Tom Connolly and Brian Meyer interviewed more than 100 residents. Their sagas are woven together into a lively text, and supplemented with photographs.

ISBN: 1-879201-04-6



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A History of Railroads In Western New York

This meticulously researched 345-page book by Edward T. Dunn chronicles the history of railroads in our region. From the birth of New York Central and the Great Railroad Strike of 1877, to the "postwar meltdown and merger mania, Dunn has penned an engaging text that will captivate railroad buffs. The book includes dozens of photographs, maps and a comprehensive index.

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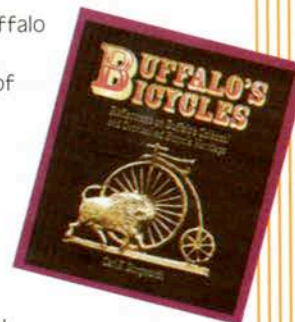
Buffalo's Bicycles: Reflections on Buffalo's Colossal and Overlooked Bicycle Heritage

This unique book recounts how the bicycle first came to Buffalo and how local residents accepted it. The region became a hotbed in bicycle manufacturing and racing. The social use of the bicycle also changed lifestyles in the region.

Author Carl F. Burgwardt has artfully blended significant historical facts with personal lore and period images to showcase the nearly forgotten but colorful times in Buffalo's proud past. Carl and his wife Clarice are Western New Yorkers who have amassed one of the world's largest collections of bicycles, accessories and memorabilia. They operate the Pedaling History Bicycle Museum in Orchard Park.

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Also visit our Web site at www.buffalobooks.com for a complete list of titles and information about upcoming books.

Dozens of retailers throughout Western New York also carry many of our titles. Bring along your catalog as you shop. If you don't see a particular title on the shelf, ask a sales associate for help. Most of the stores listed below can order any of our titles.



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Looking for a Lively Speaker?

Many of our local authors are eager to speak to groups, stage book signings or participate in other special events. Some authors appear free of charge; others request a modest speaking fee. If your group or business is interested in finding experts who can speak on topics ranging from local history and architecture to natural wonders in our region, contact special events coordinator Tom Connolly at speakers@wnybooks.com. To learn more about our authors, visit our Web site at www.buffalobooks.com.

Birth of a Publishing Company

Western New York Wares Inc.

www.buffalobooks.com

The Buffalo area's most innovative publishing company will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2004 by hitting a benchmark that few regional publishing houses achieve. By that time, Western New York Wares Inc. will have moved more than 175,000 books and other regional products into homes, schools and libraries around the world.

If all these books were laid cover-to-cover starting at the foot of Main Street near HSBC Center, the trail would stretch past the UB South Campus, snake through Williamsville, Clarence, Akron Falls Park and end somewhere around Batavia! Putting it a different way, we've printed and distributed about 21 million pages of information about our region.

A pretty impressive path for a company that sprouted its roots in trivial turf!

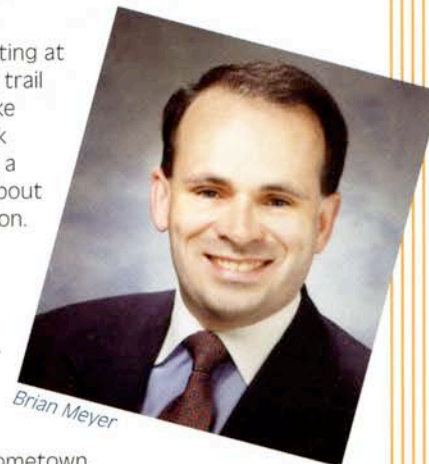
The year was 1984 and the trivia craze was taking the nation by storm. As Buffalo journalist Brian Meyer played a popular trivia game with friends in his North Buffalo living room, he envisioned a game that tests players' knowledge about people and events in their hometown. Western New York Trivia Quotient sold out its first edition in six weeks and established Meyer as an up-and-coming young entrepreneur.

A year later, he compiled a book of quotations that chronicled the feisty reign of Mayor Jimmy Griffin. Meyer refuses to disclose how many six-packs were consumed while sifting through hundreds of "Griffinisms."

Meyer, a City Hall reporter for the Buffalo News, spent 15 years at WBEN Radio where he served as managing editor. As founder and president of Western New York Wares Inc., Meyer has collaborated with dozens of authors, artists and photographers. By 2003, the region's premier publisher of local books had been involved in publishing, marketing or distributing more than 100 regional products.

The Buffalo native is a graduate of the Marquette University, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute and Buffalo Public School #56. He teaches communications courses at Buffalo State College and Medaille College. Meyer is treasurer of the Greater Buffalo Society of Professional Journalists' Scholarship Fund.

Meyer is assisted by Michele Ratzel, the company's business manager, and Tom Connolly, manager of marketing and distribution. The trio has nearly 45 years of cumulative experience in regional publishing. Connolly works as a news anchor and producer at WBEN Radio. He co-authored *Hometown Heroes: Western New Yorkers in Desert Storm*. Ratzel works at the Park School of Buffalo. Her daughter, Christin, has the distinction of being the company's youngest published author (see page 23 of our catalog).



Brian Meyer

Niagara Falls Books

Nature's Niagara: A Walk on the Wild Side

Learn how glaciers left their indelible marks on the landscape and find out why the falls have moved seven miles since the last ice age.

Prominent Niagara Falls author Paul Gromosiak has done it again. *Nature's Niagara* showcases one of the world's most majestic wonders from a unique perspective, using color photos, charts and user-friendly maps to capture the power and beauty of the mighty Niagara.

ISBN: 1-879201-31-3

\$8.95

Daring Niagara: 50 Death-Defying Stunts at the Falls

Prepare for a heart-stopping adventure. Niagara Falls historian Paul Gromosiak introduces readers to daredevils who barreled, boated and even bicycled to fame by tempting the Mighty Niagara.

Meet, for example, Anna Edson Taylor. This widowed school teacher became the first person ever to go over the Falls and live to tell about it.

Then there is John Paul Munday, a former skydiving instructor who conquered Niagara Falls — despite his intense fear of water!

"Daring Niagara" treats readers to a nail-biting look at the men and women who brazenly thumbed their noses at nature. Filled with dozens of vintage pictures.

ISBN: 1-879201-23-2

\$6.95

Goat Island: Niagara's Scenic Retreat

If islands could talk, imagine the tales that could be spun by the picturesque land masses above one of the world's natural wonders!

From the hermit who lived there in the 1820s and was regularly spotted bathing in a cascade, to a daring helicopter rescue that recently saved a man stranded at the brink of Horseshoe Falls, the islands above Niagara have a colorful history.

In his eighth book, respected local historian Paul Gromosiak explores the people, tourist attractions, animals and plants that make the islands above the falls a unique destination.

Filled with dozens of photographs, including color pictures, the book also includes a detailed map that helps visitors to plot their own walking tours.

The book even serves up a century-old recipe for Goat Island Cakes!

Highlighted in the book are many attractions, including:

- Terrapin Point
- Cave of the Winds
- Hermit's Cascade
- Power Station Portal
- Luna Island
- Three Sisters Islands

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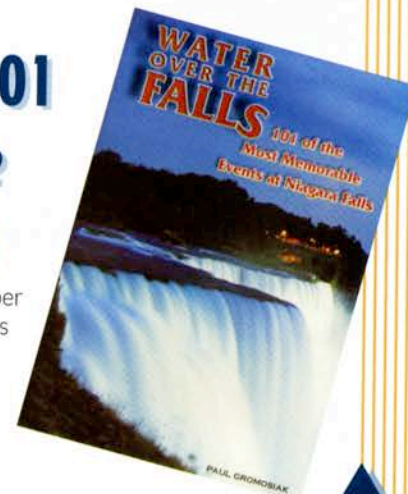
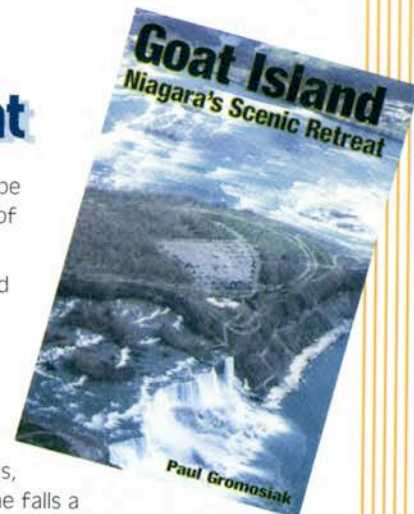
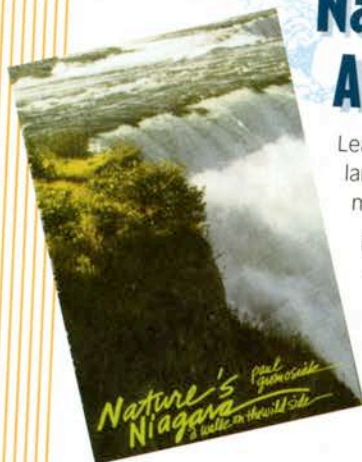
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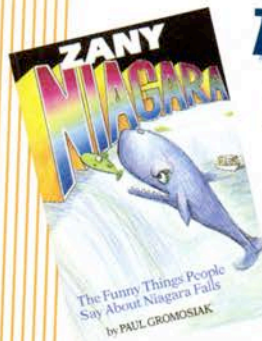
Water Over the Falls: 101 of the Most Memorable Events at Niagara Falls

Daredevils who defied the mighty Niagara in rubber balls and kayaks. Tragic rockslides, bridge collapses and heroic rescues. Paul Gromosiak vividly recounts more than 100 true-to-life tales in a book that includes dozens of photographs, maps and charts.

ISBN: 1-879201-16-X

\$8.99





Zany Niagara: The Funny Things People Say About Niagara Falls

This amusing book is your passport for a unique armchair tour that showcases the offbeat side of a world-renowned tourist attraction. From Mark Twain's first glimpse of the falls in 1869, to zany observations from tourists in the 1990s, Paul Gromosiak recounts unusual historical facts, bizarre incidents and myths.

ISBN: 1-879201-06-2

\$4.95

Exploring Niagara: The Complete Guide to Niagara Falls and Vicinity

Illustrated with 77 spectacular photographs, this guide offers an up-close view of more than 50 sites on both sides of the border. Picturesque canals, stately mansions, wineries and forests are showcased in a book by Hans and Allyson Tammemagi.

ISBN: 0-9681815-0-3

\$14.25



Niagara Falls Q&A: Answers to the 100 Most Common Questions About Niagara Falls

Paul Gromosiak surveyed 40,000 tourists, logging every question they asked about the falls. This popular book provides the answers to 100 of the most commonly asked questions, pinpointing the best scenic spots and even recounting famous daredevil stunts. Photos, charts and an index.

ISBN: 0-9620314-8-8

\$4.50

Owahonton: Maid of the Mist

A new book by Paul Gromosiak treats young readers to a historically accurate and exciting tale that looks at the Maid of the Mist legend. Illustrated by Joan Elizabeth Johnson, the book highlights one of Niagara Falls' most exciting legends and includes a dozen full-page illustrations. The riveting text reads like an adventure, while accurately depicting Native American customs.

ISBN: 1-879201-37-2

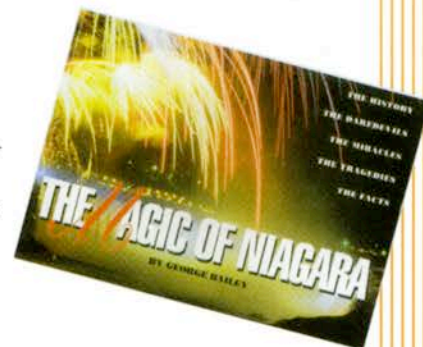
\$10.00

The Magic of Niagara

The story of Niagara is 12,000 years old, and author George Bailey skillfully captures the historical highlights. The riveting text is complemented by more than 100 photographs, many of them from the mid-nineteenth century. The book explores Niagara in the winter, the Maid of the Mist, famous daredevils and the Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservancy.

ISBN: 0-9682635-0-X

\$15.99



Niagara Falls

More than 150 color photographs showcase one of the world's most spectacular natural wonders. The book also includes sections on the Niagara Gorge, Niagara-on-the-Lake, local wineries, the famous floral clock and Fort Erie.

ISBN: 2-84339-023-0

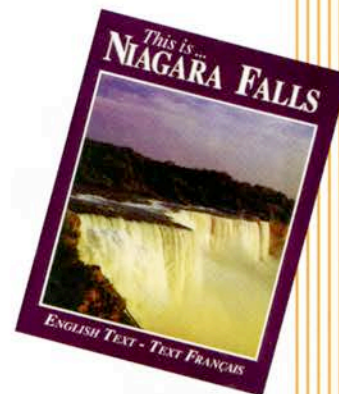
\$9.99

This is Niagara Falls

Vibrant color photographs – more than 50 of them – capture the power and majesty of the Mighty Niagara. From the moment darkness descends on this wonder and a dazzling display of lights appears, to the instant when the Maid of the Mist inches close to the foamy base of the Falls, this book chronicles the mystique of a natural wonder.

ISBN: 1-879201-38-0

\$7.98



Toronto and Niagara Falls

Two world-renowned destinations are highlighted in one photo-packed book. More than 240 full-color photographs, detailed street map, informative text and user-friendly dex make this an invaluable companion for visitors to Toronto and the Falls. Readers will explore Chinatown, ums, mansions, forts and gardens in Toronto. The Falls section highlights many attractions, including the the Winds and Skylon Tower.

ISBN: 88-8029-569-1

\$15.99





Lockport Boy

Readers will enjoy a nostalgic story about growing up in a small city in Western New York. Frank Bredell's reminiscences of the Waterman Street Gang and the Great Depression of the 1930s will spark many laughs while shedding light on a monumental era in American history.

ISBN 09678460-X

\$12.00

"Elder" Berries

A delightful 90-page book that is filled with fresh, funny and candid poems about love, sex, bridge, doctors, weddings and — most of all — aging.

Beatrice Haniford never expected her first book of poetry to make it so big. Originally published in 1997, the first edition flew off local store shelves. This tiny tome has since made its way around the globe as eager readers from Idaho, California, Israel and even Australia have enjoyed Bea's unique brand of humor.

ISBN: 0-9655347-0-7

\$9.95

It's Great to Be Old (And Other Lies)

Leave it to Amherst octogenarian Bea Haniford to whip up whimsical verses to help all of us find the fun in aging. Bea has been penning verses since she was 13 and spent 25 years as a radio and television copywriter. This little pocket-sized book is crammed with more than 50 pithy verses that look at everything from hospital humor to the house-selling blues. Her philosophy is refreshingly simple: aging is much easier when you can laugh at yourself!

ISBN: 0-9655347-1-5

\$9.95

Razz Berries (Or How the World Looks when You're over 80)

Bea Haniford's witty verses tell it all — the fun, the annoyances and the unforgettable experiences that come with aging. Readers of all ages will enjoy this memorable book by the author of "Elder" Berries and It's Great to be Old (And Other Lies). Illustrated by Betty Patton.

ISBN: 0-9655347-2-3

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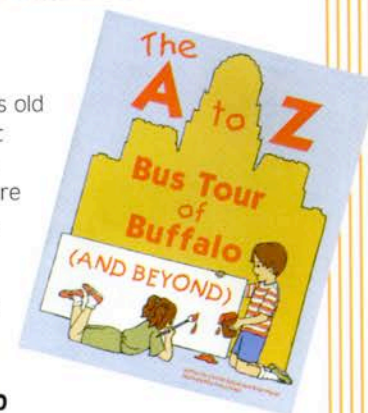
Kids' Books & Regional Games

The A-to-Z Bus Tour of Buffalo (and Beyond)

Getzville resident Christin Ratzel was only seven years old when she co-authored this unique coloring book that showcases the Niagara Frontier. Young readers pack their crayons and embark on an armchair tour of more than 25 local sites, including Delaware Park, Old Fort Niagara, The Albright-Knox Art Gallery and the University at Buffalo. Christin and co-author Brian Meyer worked with Grand Island artist Anna Finkel to create a 36-page book that is crammed with activities and includes a regional highlight map.

ISBN: 1-879201-10-0

\$3.50



Kids First: A First Aid Guide For Kids

This educational book for young children and their families provides information about taking care of everything from cuts and burns to nosebleeds and sprains. Authored by Beth Kent-Astrella, RN and Angie Leonard, RN, the book was illustrated by Carol Kent Williams. In an easy to use format, children read about potential problems, such as getting something in the eye or choking.

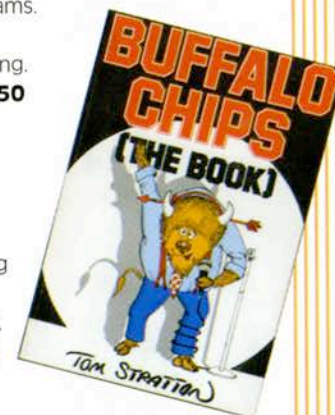
ISBN: 1-879201-12-7

\$4.50

Buffalo Chips: The Book

The late Tom Stratton penned more than 100 rib-tickling cartoons. The 144-page book also includes humorous essays that showcase Stratton's unique brand of humor.

ISBN: 0-9620314-3-7 Original Price: \$6.95 Sale: \$4.95



Western New York Trivia Quotient

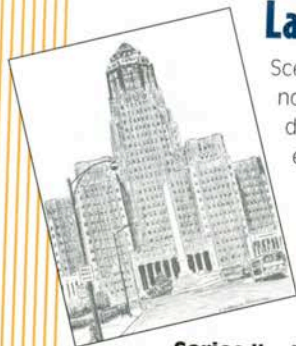
How much do you know about your home turf? This fun and education game is crammed with 1,300 questions about Buffalo-area people, places and events. Packaged in a convenient laminated folder.

ISBN: 0-9620314-0-2

\$7.95

Regional Note Cards

Landmark Series Note Cards



Scenes of Western New York Landmarks, printed on high quality note cards. Each box includes 10 note cards, each with a different landmark illustrated by Lawrence McIntyre. Matching envelopes are included.

Series I – Crystal Beach Boat, Buffalo Yacht Club, Canoe Club Boathouse, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo Historical Society, Naval & Servicemen's Park, Erie Basin Marina, Buffalo Club, Buffalo Launch Club, Buffalo Lighthouse.

\$7.00

Series II – Buffalo City Hall, St. Louis Church, St. Joseph's New Cathedral, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Old County Hall, Wilcox Mansion, ECC City Campus, Guaranty Building, Hayes Hall (UB).

\$7.00

Buffalo Classics Collection Note Cards

Created by Isabell Briatico, these quality note cards feature full-color photographs of prominent local icons, including Mirror Lake in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Michelangelo's David in Delaware Park and the McKinley Monument in Niagara Square.

Package of four cards with envelopes

\$6.95

Package of eight cards with envelopes

\$12.95

Point Abino Lighthouse Cards

Eight separate note cards, each with a different view, published by Cathy Herbert. Envelopes included

\$7.00

Pan-American Exposition Note Cards

Each box contains 10 cards, each depicting a different scene from the 1901 event. Illustrated by Lawrence McIntyre. Matching envelopes are included.

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Scenes of Crystal Beach Amusement Park

Ten nostalgic note cards with five different views, published by Cathy Herbert. Envelopes included.

\$8.00

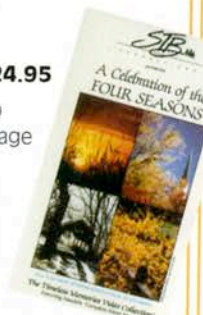
Western New York Videos

STB Productions has created a unique line of video products to help reduce stress or just entertain the family. Since 1991, stress reduction specialists, Alzheimer's coordinators and teachers have been loyal customers.

A Celebration of the Four Seasons

(60 minutes) **\$24.95**

Experience the peace and tranquility of nature at its best. Relax to gentle natural sounds, Handel's Water Music and vibrant video footage as you meander through all four seasons at their peak beauty.



Winter in Niagara Falls

(30 minutes) **\$19.95**

Breathtaking footage of the Mighty Niagara from the United States and Canadian sides. Marvel at brilliant ice-crystal rainbows and unearthly ice formations.

A Festival of Lights

(30 minutes) **\$19.95**

A colorful tour of one of North America's top holiday attractions, set against the beauty of Niagara Falls.

A Day at the Zoo

(30 minutes) **\$19.95**

A video tour of the zoo, perfect for preschoolers, seniors confined to their homes and all animal lovers. Riveting video and educational narratives offer a delightful armchair visit to a popular local attraction.

County Fair Memories

(30 minutes) **\$19.95**

Relive your fondest memories of a day at the Erie County Fair. Experience the color and excitement of the Midway, the animals and the special events.

Other videos from STB Productions:

(60 minutes) **\$24.95 each**

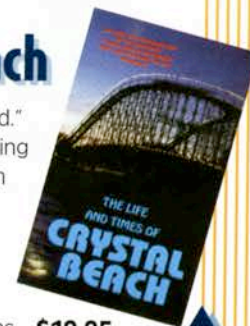
- Video Aquarium of Niagara Falls
- Gardens, Blossoms & Blooms
- Autumn on Cape Cod
- Christmas Hearth Video Fireplace
- Country Hearth Video Fireplace
- Ocean Waves
- Sing Along With Your Old Favorites (old-fashioned sing-along)

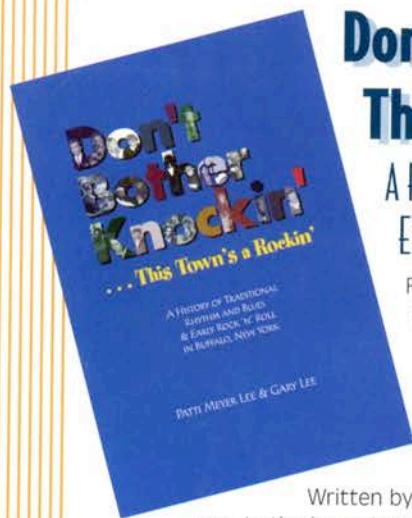
The Life and Times of Crystal Beach

It was known as "Canada's Playground" and "Buffalo's Coney Island." Viewers experience the sights and sounds of Crystal Beach, learning about its origins as a religious campground and its evolution as an entertainment oasis. Witness actual footage of its demolition, including a sad sight when the famous ballroom crumbles into a heap of twisted steel and concrete. You'll cry, you'll laugh – and you'll cherish memories of Crystal Beach.

ISBN: 1-879201-40-2

60 minutes **\$19.95**





Don't Bother Knockin'... This Town's a Rockin':

A History of Traditional Rhythm and Blues &
Early Rock 'N' Roll in Buffalo, New York

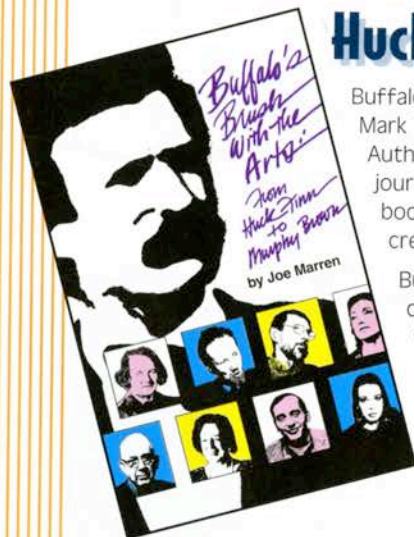
From Edwin Christy's Minstrels to Harold Arlen, up through to Donnie Elbert, Grover Washington, Ani DiFranco, 10,000 Maniacs and the Goo Goo Dolls, Buffalo has a rich history of contributing music to the world. *Don't Bother Knockin'* chronicles an important segment of that history — rhythm and blues.

Written by Patti Meyer Lee and Gary Lee, the book documents the importance of national and local historical events that led to the development of the Buffalo style of traditional rhythm and blues. Early rock 'n' roll groups like The Tune Rockers, The Quarter Notes and the Buffalo Rebels played the grove on national record labels. Later R & B bands like Stan and the Ravens and Raven combined their influences to produce some of the best music heard anywhere.

ISBN: 0-9701749-0-X

\$19.95

Buffalo's Brush With the Arts: From Huck Finn to Murphy Brown



Buffalo has been home to scores of writers, including Mark Twain, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Taylor Caldwell. Author Joe Marren takes readers on a fascinating journey behind the manuscripts and million dollar book deals, highlighting the region's connection to creative geniuses.

Buffalo's Brush With the Arts showcases a variety of writers, including distinguished wordsmiths who won accolades while at the University at Buffalo and Hollywood writers and producers who have helped to shape the television and movie industries.

This 122-page book also contains more than 20 photographs from the Courier-Express Collection.

ISBN: 1-879201-24-0

\$7.95

Bodyslams in Buffalo

The gladiators are different, but Buffalo's electrifying wrestling legacy lives on. This is its story.

Two decades before the Buffalo Bills kicked off a football, and 30 years before the Buffalo Sabres lined up for a face-off, Memorial Auditorium opened its doors to welcome 6,267 spectators to the Aud's first sporting event — pro-wrestling.

But long before the Aud, makeshift promoters set up weather-beaten boxing rings in the old Broadway Auditorium and in local bars and gyms.

The region's rich wrestling history has been all but forgotten, lost in a labyrinth of promotional politics and a generation gap between the "rasslin'" fans of yesterday and the sports entertainment fans of today.

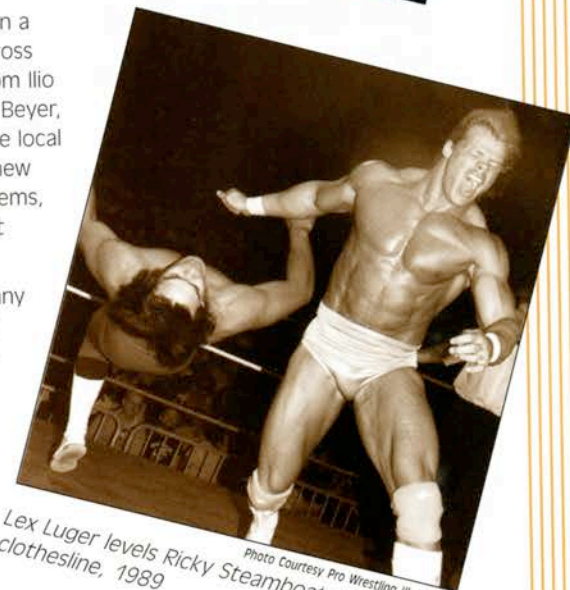
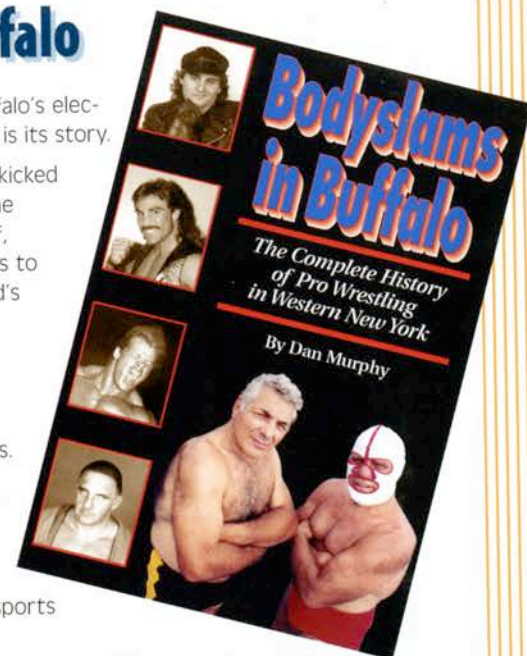
Now, Dan Murphy takes readers on a memorable roller-coaster ride across Buffalo's wrestling landscape. From Ilio DiPaolo and Dick "The Destroyer" Beyer, to Adorable Adrian Adonis and the local wrestler who went on to invent new chairs for people with back problems, Murphy chronicles the magic that occurs in the darkened arena.

Bodyslams in Buffalo includes many vintage photographs and special pages called "A Night to Remember" that highlight key wrestling moments in Buffalo.

The book examines the origins of pro wrestling, looks at the Hulk Hogan phenomenon in the 1980s, and provides user-friendly time lines that document memorable events.

"It's about life as you saw it when you were a kid," Murphy writes. "When good was good, and bad was bad — and every once in a while, even the little guy could become a hero for just one night."

ISBN: 1-879201-42-9



Lex Luger levels Ricky Steamboat with a clothesline, 1989
Photo Courtesy Pro Wrestling Illustrated

\$9.95

White Death: Blizzard of '77

WHITE DEATH
The Blizzard of '77

It was one of the worst blizzards in North American history. On January 28, 1977, a killer hurricane-like force with a frigid twist buried people in their cars and homes. When it was over, 30 people were dead and hundreds more were injured.

Local roads became snow-clogged highways to hell. School children were trapped in rural classrooms. Zoo animals took advantage of mountain-like drifts and trudged to freedom, oblivious to the arctic whiteouts and 60-degree-below-zero windchill.

Author Erno Rossi recalls gazing out his window. "It was like looking into a milk bottle," he said, knowing even then that there was a book-in-the-making.

Two decades later, Rossi's riveting book *White Death: Blizzard of '77* has sold more than 15,000 copies. This

356-page softcover book has more than 60 photographs that chronicle one of the region's most dramatic historical events.

ISBN: 0-920926-03-7

\$16.95

The Western New York Weather Guide: A Century of Sun, Snow, Sleet and Rain

Readers will not want any "winterruptions" as they breeze through this lively, information-packed guide on Western New York weather.

Veteran weatherman Tom Jolls worked with award-winning journalist Brian Meyer and researcher Joe VanMeer to craft a unique almanac crammed with humorous, dramatic and educational slices-of-life, all of which focus on the four seasons.

The book is filled with hundreds of fascinating local weather tidbits, charts and even trivia questions. The chapters include:

- Weirdest Happenings on the Weather Outside
- The Blizzard of '77
- The Year There was No Summer
- Weather Myths
- Buffalonians recall their worst weather nightmares
- The coldest days, warmest days and snowiest days in history.
- Twisters on the Niagara Frontier
- Weather Glossary
- Western New York Weather IQ Test

The Western New York Weather Guide also includes more than 20 photos and many user-friendly charts which help readers to pinpoint milestone weather events on specific days.

ISBN 1-879201-18-6

\$7.95



Cookbook With a Local Flavor

What do you get when you blend Western New Yorkers' love for food with our region's rich history and architecture? The answer lies in a fascinating cookbook published by the Junior League of Buffalo.

Great Lake Effects: Buffalo Beyond Winter and Wings is a delectable collection of 145 recipes. The 176-page hardcover book is divided into four user-friendly chapters:

- Bountiful Beginnings
- Eclectic Entrees
- Sweet and Savory Sides
- Delectable Desserts

Try taste-tempting recipes like hot crab au gratin, buttermilk pancakes, baklava pinwheels and, of course, Buffalo wings!

Illustrated with watercolors by Buffalo-area artist Margaret M. Martin, The book includes full-color renderings of the downtown skyline, the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, the Historical Society and other local icons.

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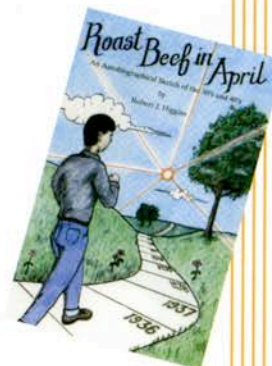
Hardcover \$18.95

Roast Beef in April: An Autobiographical Sketch of the 30s and 40s.

Author Robert Higgins grew up in the Southern Tier. His lively 165-page book takes readers on a leisurely and nostalgic stroll down some familiar paths.

ISBN: 0-9637936-2-4

\$9.95



The Deacon's Son

Meet Western New York's version of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn. Bill and Hairlyess are among the characters who spring to life in a book by Phoebe Hall. They shed light on what it was like to be teenager living on the Niagara Frontier in the 1950s.

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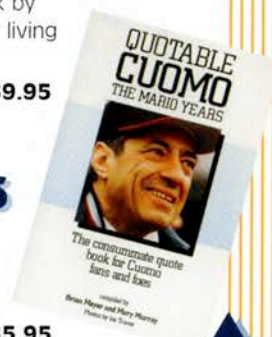
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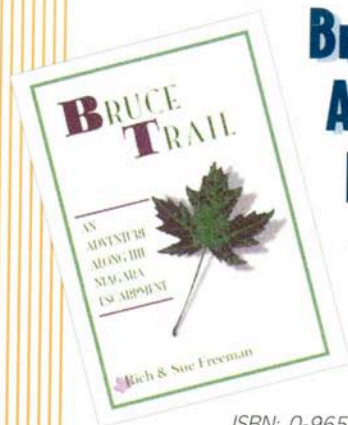
Quotable Cuomo: The Mario Years

Hundreds of quotes from a captivating public speaker are included in a book compiled by Mary Murray and Brian Meyer. Includes photos and a comprehensive index.

ISBN: 1-829201-03-8

\$5.95





Bruce Trail: An Adventure Along the Niagara Escarpment

Abandoned canals, rare ferns and white cobblestone beaches are just some of wonders you'll discover on this journey along the Niagara Escarpment in Ontario, Canada. Written by Rich and Sue Freeman, readers will enjoy this ramble through a truly unique part of North America.

ISBN: 0-9656974-3-6

\$16.95



Buffalo City Hall: Americanesque Masterpiece

An information-packed guide that chronicles the history and architectural significance of one of the region's most famous icons. More than 30 vintage photographs, maps and a fact sheet on City Hall makes this a valuable guide for tourists. There are also chapters on Niagara Square, the Millard Fillmore and Grover Cleveland monuments and Art Deco style. Written by John Conlin and published by the Landmark Society

of the Niagara Frontier.

ISBN: 1-879201-14-3

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Take Your Bike: Family Rides in the Rochester Area

Over 300 miles of bicycle adventures on 42 trails in the Rochester region! Packed with maps, tips on where to park and information about the terrain. Written by Rich and Sue Freeman.

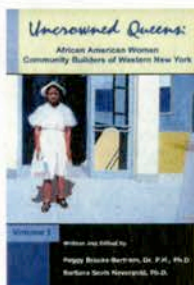
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Uncrowned Queens of the Buffalo Chapter of Girl Friends, Inc.



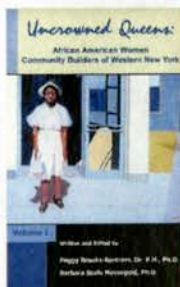
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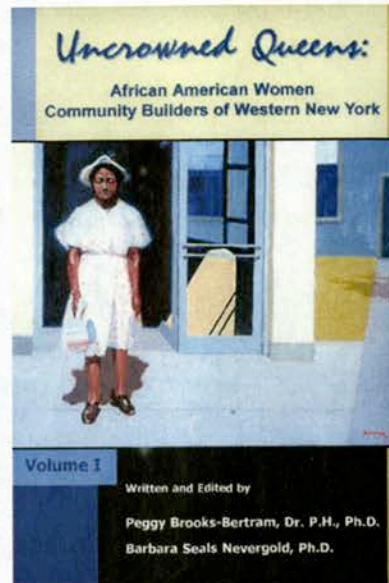
Uncrowned Queens:

African American Women Community Builders of Western New York

Written and Edited by

Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Dr. P.H., Ph.D.

Barbara Seals Nevergold, Ph.D.



In 1999, historians Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold created the Uncrowned Queens project to celebrate the accomplishments of African American women community builders in Western New York. Their most recent collaborative effort is *Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York*. This soft-covered book, recognizing and honoring African American women, is the first in a series to document the contributions of these women, some well-known, but many without previous recognition.

The book features the biographies and photographs of one hundred extraordinary women from myriad educational, economic, religious, and social backgrounds.

Uncrowned Queens

African American Women
Community Builders of Western New York

Commemorating
Our Past

Preserving
Our Present

Sustaining
Our Future

A two-day conference
commemorating the history,
contributions, and achievements
of African American women and
men to community building.

*Uncrowned Queens Institute for
Research and Education on Women, Inc.
984 Parkside Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14216*

"What a wonderful experience, the workshops were excellent."

"The presenters were interesting and very knowledgeable. I learned so much."

"I look forward to next year's conference, the Uncrowned Queens have done it again! Your work to educate the community about the accomplishments and contributions of African Americans is greatly appreciated and admired. Keep up the good work."

These comments are just some of those received by the Uncrowned Queens Institute after holding its first conference, *Lifting as They Climbed: A Century of Community Building 1901-2001*, in 2001. More than 250 women and men who attended this two and a half day event recommended it highly. This year, the second annual conference, *Commemorating Our Past, Preserving Our Present, and Sustaining Our Future*, builds on the momentum of the previous conference and the year of activities sponsored by the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. This conference continues to provide an avenue to commemorate the history, contributions, and achievements of African American women and men to community building.

Dr. Christopher Reed, author of *All the World's Here: the African Presence in White City*, will open the conference with a discussion of the African American involvement in the Columbian World's Fair of 1893.

Workshop presentations will address local preservation efforts, including the work of the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. and the Michigan Avenue Preservation Corporation's plans for the Rev. J. Edward Nash Home. A special workshop by the Niagara Falls Ontario Black History Society will underscore the Canadian-American Freedom Trail connection. Other workshops will again explore the unique contributions of African American women to their community.

This year a special Family History symposium is planned for young people between the ages of 13-18. The purpose of this symposium is to teach the rudiments of family history research and encourage young people to begin their own family tree.

A presentation to individuals and community groups, cited for their work and commitment as culture keepers, will highlight the end of this year's conference. •

Visit the Uncrowned Queens Web Site at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>

Register Me for the Uncrowned Queens Conference in November

Commemorating Our Past, Preserving Our Present, Sustaining Our Future

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, November 15, 2002
Buffalo Museum of Science

- 6:00 PM Opening Plenary**
Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Dr. P.H., Ph.D.
Barbara Seals Nevergold, Ph.D.
Co-founders/Co-directors
Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc.
- 7:00 PM Reception and Book Signing**

Saturday, November 16, 2002
Buffalo State College, Rockwell Hall

- 8:00 AM Registration/Coffee**
8:45 Welcome
Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Dr.P.H., Ph.D.
Barbara Seals Nevergold, Ph.D.
Co-founders, *Uncrowned Queens Institute*
- 9:00-9:45 Plenary Session**
Christopher Reed, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, *Roosevelt University*
- 9:45-10:00 BREAK**
- 10:00-2:30 Family History Symposium/
Concurrent Youth Session**
- 10:00-10:55 Session 1 - The Freedom Trail Beyond the Border**
Wilma Morrison
Niagara Falls, Ontario Black History Society
- Session 2 - Rev. J.E. Nash House Collection**
George K. Arthur, *Michigan Avenue Preservation Corporation*
- Session 3 - The Miracle of Biography**
Alexis Deveaux, Ph.D., *University at Buffalo*
- Session 4 - African Diaspora in Moscow**
Daria A. Khaltourina, *Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences*

- 11:00-11:55 Session 1 - Twenty-five Years of Preserving Black History in WNY**
Wanda Hackney, *Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier*
- Session 2 - Black Women Student Leaders on a Predominantly White Campus**
Elizabeth J. Achieng Siwo-Okundi
University of Ohio
- Session 3 - Pan Am 1901: The Forgotten Negro Exhibit**
Bill Loos, *Buffalo & Erie County Public Library*
- Session 4 - Writing Your Biographical Sketch and Liking It**
Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Dr.P.H., Ph.D.
Co-founder, *Uncrowned Queens Institute*
- 12:00 PM Lunch**
Buffalo State College Student Center
- 1:45-2:30 Session 1 - African Diaspora in Moscow**
Daria A. Khaltourina, Ph.D.
Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences
- Session 2 - Building "Sheros"**
Aviva Merritt, Host of *Aviva*
- Session 3 - Research Resources at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society**
Patricia Virgil
Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society
- Session 4 - Writing Your Biographical Sketch and Liking It**
Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Dr.P.H., Ph.D.
Co-founder, *Uncrowned Queens Institute*
- 2:45-3:30 Closing Plenary**
"Honoring the Culture Keepers"
Presentations to:
♦ Al-Nisa Banks, *Buffalo Challenger*
♦ Frank Merriweather, *Buffalo Criterion*
♦ Eva Noles
♦ Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier

CLIP AND MAIL REGISTRATION

I plan to attend the following Commemorating Our Past, Preserving Our Present, Sustaining Our Future conference days.
Enclosed is my registration fee of \$10.00 to cover the two-day conference activities.

- ☐ **Day 1: Friday, November 15, 2002**
Opening Plenary and Reception
Buffalo Museum of Science
Time: 6:00 PM
- ☐ **Day 2: Saturday, November 16, 2002**
Conference, Buffalo State College
Time: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- Please select one session per each time period.

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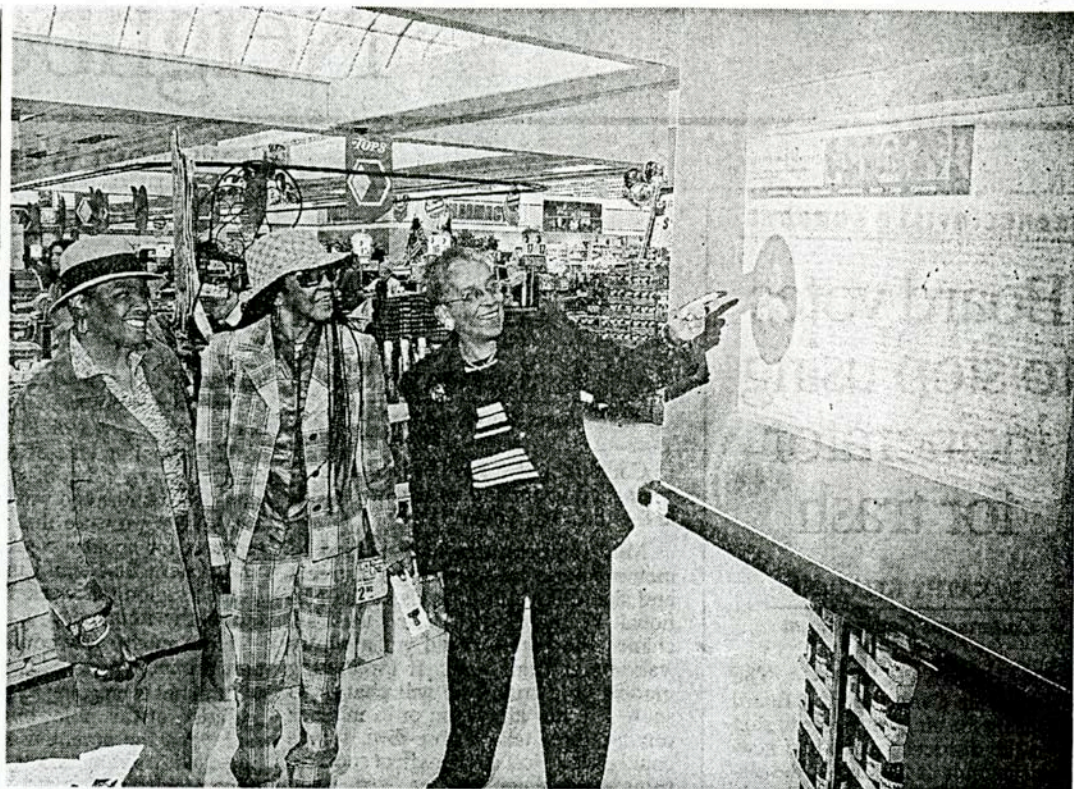
ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Dr. P.H., Ph.D., co-author of *Uncrowned Queens: African American Community Builders of Western New York, Vol. I* (2002), is an author, historian, and independent scholar who has lectured at museums, colleges and cultural organizations in the US, Europe, Africa, the Caribbean and Canada. She has been instrumental in launching organizations to help advance the WNY community. Her most recent contribution is with the establishment of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc.

Her academic achievements include her extensive research on the life and writings of Drusilla Dunjee Houston, author of the obscure and forgotten text, *Wonderful Ethiopians of the Ancient Cushite Empires*. She has authored a new book on Houston called, *Drusilla Dunjee Houston: Uncrowned Queen in the African-American Women's Literary Tradition* that is currently in press. Part of Bertram's research on Houston and the Dungy family of Virginia will also appear in an upcoming book for the Oklahoma Encyclopedia Project as part of the 2007 celebration of the founding of the State of Oklahoma.

An avid scholar, she has studied the Old Testament dynasties of the ancient Kings of Kush and has contributed a chapter about her learnings to the text, *Journal of African Civilizations*, edited by Ivan Van Sertima (1997).

Barbara Seals Nevergold, Ph.D., co-author of *Uncrowned Queens: African American Community Builders of Western New York, Vol. I* (2002), is an educator, administrator, community, and political activist who has served in leadership roles for numerous local and national boards. She has authored *Fantastic Color & Special Effects: The Seals Ebony Studio*, that appeared in the Spring 2002 edition of *Western New York Heritage Magazine*. Other writings include *To Be An Instrument for Their Voices: Finding, Writing and Sharing Family Histories*, that appeared in the book *Afro-Americans in New York Life and History* (July 2001), and *Transracial Adoption: In the Child's Best Interest?*, that appeared in the publication *African America Women's Health and Social Issues*, edited by Catherine F. Collins.



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Uncrowned Queens at Tops

Peggy Brooks-Bertram, president and CEO of Jehudi Educational Services, left, and Barbara A. Nevergold, coordinator of student personnel services for Educational Opportunity Center, right, give Peggy Pratcher of Buffalo a hands-on tour of their Uncrowned Queens Web site, which celebrates the accomplishments of local African-American women. The Web site was part of the Uncrowned Queens exhibit set up Saturday in the Tops Market on Amherst Street. The Web site is at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>. February is Black History Month.

City of Buffalo

Common Council

At the regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo held Tuesday February 19th, 2002, the following resolution was unanimously adopted and sponsored by Council President James W. Pitts.

WHEREAS: *On Sunday, February 24th, 2002 at 1:30 p.m., Xi Epsilon Omega, the Amherst Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., will hold their Annual Founder's Day Awards Luncheon at the Buffalo Merriott Hotel at Millersport Hwy; and*

WHEREAS: *former Great Lakes Regional Director Gloria S. Smith chartered Xi Epsilon Omega in 1981. The chapter holds memberships in several civic and community organizations. Annual contributions are made to the United Negro College Fund, Women For Human Rights & Dignity, the YMCA and the YWCA to name but a few; and*

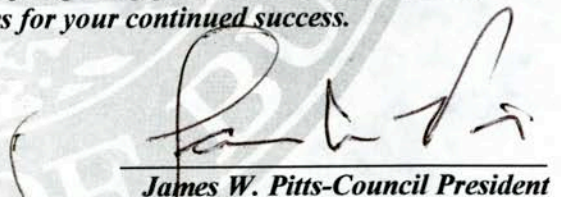
WHEREAS: *One of this year's Honoree's is Dr. Barbara Seal Nevergold, a native of Louisiana. She now lives in Buffalo with her husband, Paul. The couple has two adult children, Alanna Marrow and Kyle. Dr. Nevergold is the Coordinator of Student Support Services at the University at Buffalo's Educational Opportunity Center. She is also an instructor at Empire State College.*

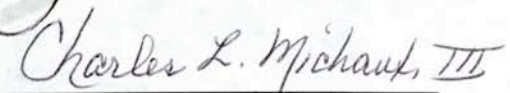
WHEREAS: *In 1901, the first Pan American Exposition held two exhibits purported to represent African American's and African communal life. 100 years later in response to this ill-representation of African American's, Dr. Nevergold along with fellow honoree Dr. Peggy Brooks-Betrum developed a project that will highlight the accomplishments of African American women of WNY called "Uncrowned Queens". Hundreds of women and their accomplishments as "Community Builders" are now displayed on the award winning web site <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>.*

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *This Common Council in recognition of the Xi Epsilon Omega Sorority's Annual Founder's Day Awards Luncheon, extends its warmest greetings and applauds their sponsorships of this most esteemed event.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: *This Honorable Body expresses its sincere congratulations to Dr. Barbara Seal Nevergold for her love and dedication for getting positive and influential African American women the recognition they deserve. Best wishes for your continued success.*




James W. Pitts-Council President


Charles L. Michaux, III-City Clerk

Barbara A. Nevergold

From: "Francescone, Lisa" <lcf@buffalo.edu>
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Subject: March Newsletter

Welcome to the MARCH 2002 edition of the on-line newsletter for UNCROWNED QUEENS: African American Community Builders of Western New York. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide our e-mail users with the most current information pertaining to Uncrowned Queens' activities and events.

This month's newsletter features updates on current events, Web site developments that include a new poetry section, and recently inducted Uncrowned Queens.

===== SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING =====

St. Philip's Episcopal Church will honor Uncrowned Queens and St. Philip's Women's Ministries during a Service of Thanksgiving on Saturday, March 23, 2002, 12:00 Noon at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 15 Fernhill Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

All are invited to attend this special service, but reservations are requested at 716-833-0442. According to Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Uncrowned Queens co-chair, "It will be a very special occasion and we would like as many of the Uncrowned Queens present as possible."

The preacher for the Service will be Pastor Betty P. Williams. The guest Celebrant will be The Rt. Rev. J. Michael Garrison, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York.

A reception will follow the Service in Upper Parish Hall.

===== JOHN WILLIAM DUNJEE'S GRANDDAUGHTER VISITS WESTERN NEW YORK =====

On February 20th, Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram, UQ Co-chair, traveled to the Brant County Historical Society in Ontario, Canada to present a follow-up lecture on John William Dungy. John William was an escaped slave, Baptist minister, activist, and father to Drusilla Dunjee Houston - the focus of Dr. Bertram's historical research.

Dr. Bertram was honored to have John William's granddaughter, Laura Harris, join her at the Historical Society. Laura came all the way from Phoenix, Arizona to share John William's scrapbook with Dr. Bertram and the Historical Society.

You can check out the Brant Historical Society Web site at

<http://www.bfree.on.ca/comdir/musgal/bcma/>. In addition, if you want more information about John William Dunjee, go to the "Biography" section of the Drusilla Dunjee Houston Web site located at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/dunjeehouston/>

===== UNCROWNED QUEENS POETRY =====

In her poem, America's Uncrowned Queens, Drusilla Dunjee Houston honors all women who march through life "untrumpeted and unseen". Her words inspired the name for the Uncrowned Queens project and set a precedent for us to work diligently toward honoring Western New York's unsung heroines.

Many of our Uncrowned Queens have written poetry or have inspired others to write poetry. We now feature these poems on the Uncrowned Queens Web site at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens/history/poetry/index.htm>.

If you have a poem celebrating African American women and would like it considered for posting on the Uncrowned Queens Web site, please contact us via e-mail at uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com.

===== WEB CONNECTIONS =====

There is broad utilization of the UQ website. Inquiries come from all over the world and requests for information seem to meet many needs. Some examples of how the site has been utilized over the past few months include:

- scholars engaged in related research make contact with Uncrowned Queens researchers;
- network news companies seek specific women on the site;
- individuals planning school reunions search the Internet and are guided to specific Uncrowned Queens;
- individuals conducting research on women and historical writings;
- individuals who want to share information about women they found on the site;
- teachers all over the world access the site for specific information about how to use the site in class.

===== UPCOMING EVENTS =====

MARCH 14: Uncrowned Queens Eunice Ashman Lewin will be inducted into The Western New York Women's Hall of Fame. The Women's Hall of Fame "honors those women in perpetuity who have worked in a public spotlight, as well as those who have quietly enriched the community and inspired others".

Uncrowned Queens will be included in the Women's Directory that will be handed out during the New York Women's Hall of Fame Affair.

MARCH 15: Uncrowned Queens co-chair's Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold will be panelists on a panel entitled World's Fairs: Discovering the Pan Am 1901 during the 32nd Popular Culture Association and

24th American Culture Association Annual Conference taking place in Toronto, Canada.

MARCH 23: Service of Thanksgiving, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 15 Fernhill Avenue, Buffalo, New York. The Service will take place at 12:00 noon with a reception to follow at Upper Parish Hall. Call 716-833-0442 for reservations or additional information.

APRIL 11: Uncrowned Queens Co-chair Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram, who is a member of the University at Buffalo, Department of African American Studies, will present a lecture to discuss the life of Rev. John William Dungy, a former Virginian slave who escaped to Canada. This free lecture is open to the public and will take place at 4:30 p.m. University at Buffalo, North Campus, Baldy Hall Rm. 108.

Dr. Bertram's lecture is part of a series of lectures surrounding the launch of the UB Undergraduate Library traveling exhibit "Free at Last: A History of the Abolition of Slavery" which will be on display to the public and campus community in the Undergraduate Library, 2nd Floor Capen Hall, UB North Campus, April 8 - 28, 2002.

===== NEW UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

The following women have recently been inducted as Uncrowned Queens. Pictures and a biography of each woman are located at the Uncrowned Queens Web site <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>.

We would like to thank Sylvia Wright, President, and other members of the Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club for their contributions to this extensive list of new inductees.

- + Thelma C. Hurd
- + Lorna C. Hill
- + Jeanne Gaye
- + Grace Williams
- + Jeanette D. Morgan
- + Jessie Faye Ector
- + Lynne Clawson-Woods
- + Wanda Smith Hackney
- + Ruby Lea Grandberry
- + Mary Alice Newkirk
- + Dorothy Bass
- + Cheryl Coleman Thomas
- + Beatrice West-Anderson
- + Willie Mae Fields
- + Sylvia Elaine Wright
- + Vivian G Coram (Scott)
- + Sharonn J. Clawson
- + Mary C. Williams
- + Marietta Dabney Gayle, M.S.W., C.S.W

- + Ruby Lea Grandberry
- + Essie M. Hicks
- + Mary Alice Newkirk
- + Dorothy Bass
- + Cheryl Coleman Thomas
- + Beatrice Louise West-Anderson
- + Women of the Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club

Barbara A. Nevergold

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Subject: UNCROWNED QUEENS: April Newsletter

Welcome to the APRIL 2002 edition of the on-line newsletter for UNCROWNED QUEENS: African American Community Builders of Western New York. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide our e-mail users with the most current information pertaining to Uncrowned Queens' activities and events.

This month's newsletter includes a memorial, information on how three Uncrowned Queens will be participating in the upcoming Afro-American Historical Association Family History Dinner, updates on current events, and recently inducted Uncrowned Queens.

===== IN MEMORIAM =====

Uncrowned Queens expresses condolences to the family and friends of Donnie Bateman Duke who passed away on March 26.

Donnie - along with her sister Eva Noles - was one of the first women to be inducted into Uncrowned Queens back in February 2001. She has a long history of commitment to the community through teaching and volunteer service activities. Some of her many accomplishments include:

- Recipient of the Jeanie Gunson Award, Hutchinson Central High School;
- Recipient of a work-study scholarship, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York;
- Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Anthropology with a minor in Psychology;
- Master's degree in Social Work;
- Employed as a Supervisor for 35-years, Erie County Department of Social Services;
- Instructor, Educational Opportunity Center;
- Avid bridge player, tournament champion, and Life Master in the American Bridge Association;
- Co-founder, Gamma Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and
- Volunteer, Office of Black Ministry, Diocese of Buffalo

Her funeral took place on Thursday, April 4, 2002. If you would like to learn more about Donnie Duke, visit her on-line biography at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens/files/duke.htm>.

===== UQ'S FEATURED AT AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOC. DINNER =====

Barbara Seals Nevergold, Uncrowned Queens co-chair, will speak about her research on her paternal and maternal families at the 26th Annual Family

History Dinner of the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. Dr. Nevergold began her family history research in 1996 and has published an article entitled, "To Be an Instrument for their Voices: Finding, Writing and Sharing Family Histories." The article was published in the July 2001 edition of the Afro-Americans in New York Life and History. In addition, Dr. Nevergold's article on her father, Rev. Willie B. Seals and his photography, "Fantastic Color & Special Effects: The Seals Ebony Studio" will be published this month in the Western New York Heritage Magazine.

The dinner will be held on Friday, May 3rd. at the Golden Nugget Restaurant on Fillmore Avenue. Uncrowned Queens, Florence Hargrave Curtis and Sherri Leronda Wallace will receive the William Wells Brown Award for preservation of local history.

Tickets for the dinner are \$20 and are available through the Afro-American Historical Association, P.O. Box 63, Buffalo, New York 14207, or by calling Madeline Scott at 716-834-4982.

===== AFRICAN AMERICAN ANCESTRAL HERITAGE TOUR =====

Mark your calendars for June 23rd, July 28th, and September 22nd at 3:00 PM for The African American Ancestral Heritage Tour at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

This guided motor coach tour will feature historical information of several prominent and interesting African Americans buried at Forest Lawn. There will be a number of Uncrowned Queens featured in the tour including Mary B. Talbert.

The Tour is sponsored by: the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier and Forest Lawn Cemetery.

More information regarding reservations for these events will be available in the May issue of the Uncrowned Queens newsletter.

===== UPCOMING EVENTS =====

MAY 3: 26th Annual Family History Dinner, Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, Golden Nugget Restaurant, Fillmore Avenue, Buffalo. Barbara Nevergold will speak about her family history research and Uncrowned Queens, Florence Hargrave Curtis and Sherri Leronda Wallace will receive the William Wells Brown Award for preservation of local history. Tickets for the dinner are \$20 and are available through the Afro-American Historical Association, P.O. Box 63, Buffalo, New York 14207, or by calling Madeline Scott at 716-834-4982.

JUNE 23: African American Ancestral Heritage Tour at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3:00 PM. See announcement above. More information will follow in the May issue of the Uncrowned Queens Newsletter.

JULY 28: African American Ancestral Heritage Tour at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3:00 PM. See announcement above. More information will follow in the May issue of the Uncrowned Queens Newsletter.

SEPTEMBER 22: African American Ancestral Heritage Tour at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3:00 PM. See announcement above. More information will follow in the May issue of the Uncrowned Queens Newsletter.

Barbara A. Nevergold

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Welcome to the MAY 2002 edition of the on-line newsletter for UNCROWNED QUEENS: African American Community Builders of Western New York. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide our e-mail users with the most current information pertaining to Uncrowned Queens' activities and events.

This month's newsletter includes updates on current happenings with the UQ co-chairs, information on the For Sister's Only Expo, UQ's November conference, African American Heritage Tours at Forest Lawn Cemetery, a list of upcoming events, and an invitation to nominate Uncrowned Queens.

===== NOW DO WE HAVE TO CALL HER DR. DR! =====

Uncrowned Queens co-chair, Peggy Brooks-Bertram who has a doctorate in Public Health has now completed a doctoral program in American Studies. Dr. Brooks-Bertram has earned a Ph.D. and will graduate this May. Congratulations, Peggy! Way to go, Girl!

===== NEVERGOLD ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN WNY HERITAGE MAGAZINE =====

Barbara Seals Nevergold has an article published in the Spring edition of the Western New York Heritage Magazine. "Fantastic Color and Special Effects: The Seals Ebony Studio" is a personal memoir of Barbara's father, Rev. Willie B. Seals. Rev. Seals was a photographer as well as a minister and musician. The article includes over fifteen black and white photographs that Rev. Seals took between 1948 and 1958. Copies of the magazine can be obtained from Barnes & Noble or Border's Book Stores.

Further information on Western New York Heritage Magazine can be obtained on-line at <<http://wnyheritagepress.org/>>.

===== NEVERGOLD WILL BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER =====

Barbara Seals Nevergold will be the keynote speaker at the Afro American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, Inc.'s annual family dinner on May 3, 2002. Dr. Nevergold will speak on her family history research. She has traced both her maternal and paternal families back to their enslavement in the Rapides area of Louisiana. The dinner will be held at the New Golden Nugget Inn, beginning at 6:45 pm. Tickets are available for a cost of \$20.00.

===== FOR SISTERS ONLY EXPO =====

Erie County Legislature Majority Leader Crystal Peoples, New York State Comptroller H. Carl McCall and WBLK Radio will present an award to the Uncrowned Queens Project on Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 am during the For Sisters Only Expo to be held at the Convention Center. Peggy and Barbara also will conduct a workshop at the Expo, beginning at 10:30 AM.

===== CO-CHAIRS TO PARTICIPATE IN LEAGUE OF MUSLIM WOMEN TRIBUTE =====

The International League of Muslim Women, Inc. will hold its Annual Grandmother, Mother and Daughter Tribute at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2002. Uncrowned Queens, Co-Chairs Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold will be the special guests. The Tribute will take place at the New Golden Nugget, 2406 Fillmore Avenue, Buffalo, NY.

===== MARK YOUR CALENDARS =====

Planning has begun for the 2nd Annual Uncrowned Queens Conference to be held November 15 & 16, 2002 at Buffalo State College. Look for more details in future editions of the newsletter.

== AFRICAN AMERICAN ANCESTRAL HERITAGE TOUR AT FOREST LAWN CEMETERY ==

The Afro American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, in collaboration with Forest Lawn Cemetery, will sponsor its second annual African American Ancestral Tour at the Cemetery. This free, guided motor coach tour will feature historical information and re-enactments of several interesting and prominent African Americans whose final resting place is at Forest Lawn. Several of the stops on the tour will be at the gravesites of Uncrowned Queens: Mary B. Talbert (look for a special re-enactment of Mrs. Talbert), Amelia Grace Anderson, and Theresa G. Evans. The Rev. Willie B. Seals will also be cited on the tour. Rev. Seals is the father of Uncrowned Queens' co-founder, Barbara Seals Nevergold.

While there is no cost for the tour, reservations are required. The tours will begin at 3:30 p.m. on each of the following Sundays: June 23, July 28, and September 22, 2002.

Reservations can be made by calling Wanda Hackney at 833-4438. More information on these and other events is available at the Forest Lawn Web site (<<http://forest-lawn.com/>>).

===== UPCOMING EVENTS =====

MAY 3: Barbara Seals Nevergold will be the keynote speaker at the Afro American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, Inc.'s annual family dinner on May 3, 2002. The dinner will be held at the New Golden Nugget Inn, beginning at 6:45 pm. Tickets are available through the Afro-American Historical Association, P.O. Box 63, Buffalo, New York 14207,

or by calling Madeline Scott at 716-834-4982.

MAY 4: Uncrowned Queens will present a workshop at 10:30 AM at the For Sisters Only Expo to be held at the Buffalo Convention Center.

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NOVEMBER 15 & 16: 2nd Annual Uncrowned Queens Conference at Buffalo State College. Look for more details in future editions of the newsletter.

===== NEW UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

The following women have recently been inducted as Uncrowned Queens. Pictures and a biography of each woman are located at the Uncrowned Queens Web site (<http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>).

- + Bertha M. Bradley Hill
- + Sherryl D. Weems
- + Carolyn Woods Daughtry
- + Mary E. Wood

===== NOMINATE AN UNCROWNED QUEEN =====

We continue to accept nominations for Uncrowned Queens. Our mission is to recognize and honor these "unsung" royalties and to preserve the history of these women and their contributions to our community. We know that we are succeeding in achieving this goal; by the numerous requests we've had from students, all over the world, who are using our site for their historical, cultural and sociological research. Help us in this important work and spread the word about Uncrowned Queens; submit a nomination for an Uncrowned Queen.

Nomination forms and information are available on our Web site at
<<http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>>. You may also contact Peggy
Brooks Bertram or Barbara Seals Nevergold at uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com.

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Mary B. Talbert Club, Federated Women's Clubs Plan Community Events

The Buffalo Region of Federated Women's Clubs, of which the Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club is a member, will host a spring luncheon and fashion show on Saturday, June 1, at the Holiday Inn, 620 Delaware Avenue at noon. Vivian Coram is president and event coordinator. For more information call 834-7559. Tickets are \$22.

The Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club will host their annual scholarship tea in the Jonathon Swift Auditorium of Kaledia Health System at Buffalo General Hospital on Sunday, June 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. Four area eighth-graders will receive awards. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

The Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club was the first club inducted onto the Uncrowned Queens Website on February 23, 2002. The club's service to the community includes annual donations to the Lupus Foundation, Sickle Cell Disease Association,

City Mission, Cornerstone Manor, and more. Their motto is "Lifting As We Climb."

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This month's newsletter includes important information about the second annual November conference and Call for Papers, receipt of incorporation papers, UQ award notifications, book development, and African American Ancestral Tours at Forest Lawn Cemetery. In addition, there is a new section "What's up with Uncrowned Queens".

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The Uncrowned Queens Project has received a Certificate of Incorporation from the State of New York. The Project will now be officially known as The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. The purpose of the Institute is "to conduct research on the issues affecting women of color, to use this research to develop educational programs that will enhance the quality of life for women and their communities, to promote the collection and dissemination of the individual histories of women, women's organizations and women's collective history and to teach and educate women on the use of technology to preserve and disseminate their histories." The incorporation of the Uncrowned Queens Institute is the first step in the goal to become a non-profit organization. Special thanks, acknowledgement, and sincere appreciation goes out to Mark Longo for providing pro-bono legal services.

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===== WHAT'S UP WITH UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

SHIRLEY SARMIENTO: Her screenplay, "Tolley's Place", was selected for the second round at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival. In addition, her poem "Uncrownedqueens" now appears on the poetry page of the Uncrowned Queens Web site. This is truly a stupendous achievement as the Sundance Film Festival is one of the most prestigious film festivals in the world. You Go Shirley!!

MAMIE BEALE JOHNSON: On May 27th, Mrs. Johnson and her family attended the official dedication of a city park on Florida Street and Pansy Place in the memory of her husband, Horace "Billy" Johnson. Mr. Johnson was active in civic and political causes for many years prior to his death. He was Common Councilman from the Masten District. Mrs. Johnson and Councilman Antoine Thompson officially renamed the Florida Pansy Park, the Horace "Billy" Johnson Park.

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Marion Bass: Her article, "Father's Legacy Leaves Record of Achievement," appeared in the Buffalo News (June 16, 2002). The story spoke about her Father Ray Bass who was Western New York's first African American buildings trade contractor. A copy of Marion's story is available on her biography page at the Uncrowned Queens Web site.

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Lillion Batchelor: The Buffalo Quarters Historical Society, founded by Lillion Batchelor, hosted a Memorial on Thursday, August 1, 2002, at Broderick Park. The program commemorated all who sacrificed life for freedom. Dr. Virginia Batchelor eloquently expressed the theme of this year's program in a poem entitled "A Soul's Reunion".

A Soul's Reunion

In the still of the night
at the foot of my mother's bed,
together we planned a soul's reunion
of both the living and the dead.
A reunion of souls from the past,
who with the present souls will unite,
to celebrate the spirit of freedom,
a negotiated right.
Oh glorious ancestors, Black, White and Red,
we honor your spirits,
your dreams are not dead.
We stand by your hopes,
all of which is in the creator and sovereign's hand.
We ask for the healing of the enslaved,
and the enslaved minds throughout the land.
On this day
I'll become who I was in the past,
to celebrate a reunion of the souls,
so that in the future, our freedom will last.

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In memory of September 11, 2001
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The Uncrowned Queens Conference Planning Committee is looking for individuals who have/are working on researching their family histories. The Committee is planning a special seminar, as part of the 2nd Annual Uncrowned Queens Conference, for young people ages 13-18. The purpose of the seminar is to teach young people the significance of family history and the tools of family history research. We are looking for individuals who have experience doing family history to a) share their experiences with the youngsters, and b) participate in conducting the workshops. The Committee is currently working on a curriculum for this training. In addition, we would like to give the

young participants cameras and tape recorders to encourage their family history research once the seminar is over. If anyone has information about how we can acquire these for about 40 kids (for free, of course) please contact, Barbara Nevergold at 834-7302. Interested participants can also contact Barbara at this number or e-mail her at banbuffalo2@aol.com.

===== CULTURE COUNTS PANEL DISCUSSION =====

On Thursday, September 5, 2002, Barbara Seals-Nevergold will be a panelist to discuss "Culture Counts: the Value of the Arts to Western New York" at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. The moderator is Bruce Fisher, Chief of Staff to the Erie County Executive; George K. Arthur, Trustee of the Michigan Street Preservation Corp.; Gavin Cameron Webb, Artistic Director of Studio Arena and Bill Siener, Executive Director of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society.

===== WHAT'S UP WITH OUR UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

A photograph of LORNA C. HILL was featured on the cover of the Arts section in The Buffalo News on August 25, 2002. The accompanying story, "Amid the rush, a curtain call on a theatrically rich year" by Richard Huntington, Buffalo News Theater Critic, featured a review of Ms. Hill's work this past year in the play "Wit".

===== POEM: AFRICAN SISTERHOOD BY PEGGY BROOKS-BERTRAM =====

African Sisterhood

African sisters, we shook the universe last night.

Our souls intermingled when we held on tight,

to those who voices cracked in pain

and those who thought they could abstain,

with ancestors swirling all about,

urging us to sing and shout.

Demanding that we find the strength to break the chains that cause us
African women pain.

Like men, and hair and shades of skin and other demons locked within.

And, there were those who thought they could abstain

with ancestors swirling all about

directing us to sing and shout.

"Raise your hands in her direction, give that sister your protection."

Release her from her terrible pain, make this sister whole again.

Demons begone! Demons begone! Demons begone!

These African sisters claim their power and demand you leave within the
hour!

And still there were those who thought they could abstain

with ancestors swirling all about,

urging us to sing and shout:

"This little light of mine, "I'm gonna let it shine," "This little
light of mine, "I'm gonna let it shine," "This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,"

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."

Someone hold that sister, soothe her fears, kiss her face, wipe her
tears.

One by one, each in turn would find the strength to stand and say,
I need you, I love you and I'm so glad I'm here today.

Till there were none who could abstain
with ancestors swirling all about,
directing us to sing and shout,
commanding demons to get out!

We shook the universe last night.
Our souls inter-mingled as we held on tight, promising each other to
stay in touch

With the African sisterhood we need so much.
Yes, we shook the universe last night.

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Melanin Conference, Houston Texas, 1990

== FINAL TOUR SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2002 ==

The Afro American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, in collaboration with Forest Lawn Cemetery, will sponsor its second annual African American Ancestral Tour at the Cemetery. This free, guided motor coach tour will feature historical information and re-enactments of several interesting and prominent African Americans whose final resting place is at Forest Lawn. Several of the stops on the tour will be at the gravesites of several Uncrowned Queens including Mary B. Talbert, Amelia Grace Anderson, and Theresa G. Evans. Look for special re-enactments of Mrs. Talbert and Amelia Grace Anderson. The Rev. Willie B. Seals will also be cited on the tour. Rev. Seals is the father of Uncrowned Queens' co-founder, Barbara Seals Nevergold. A gallery of photographs of African American women during the 1940-50's, taken by the late Reverend Seals, is still on display on at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society.

While there is no cost for the tour, reservations are required. The final tour will be on September 22, 2002, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

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- Elmira Mangum
- Arlene G. Olden

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===== DRUSILLA'S RAMBLINGS =====

"A girl who weakens her mind and morals with questionable love stories will find herself in the end ripe and ready to act out their follies."

Drusilla Dunjee Houston. Black Dispatch, "The Follies in Our Homes," March 26, 1920.

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Ghana, West Africa Trip

Masten District Councilmember Antoine M. Thompson and Nana Kobina Adukui will host a "Return to Our Rootz" trip to Africa. Councilmember Thompson and Mr. Adukui cordially invite the community to participate in a cultural excursion and study tour to Ghana, West Africa. The planned dates for this fantastic expedition are November 15-30. For more information, call Mr. Modell Gault at 896-1430.



UNCROWNED QUEENS: The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc., will host a book signing for *Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York, Volume 1*, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. Written and edited by Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Dr. P.H., Ph.D. and Barbara Seals Nevergold, Ph.D. (L-R), the book grew out of the Uncrowned Queens Project web page, <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrowned>

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Oct. 9, 2000

Barbara A. Nevergold

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This month's issue focuses on the new book published by Uncrowned Queens and the second annual conference in November.

===== UNCROWNED QUEENS BOOK SIGNING =====

Meet the authors of Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York and have your book signed beginning at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 20, 2002 at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. This event is open to everyone!

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Rosa Gibson
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Mary Hackney
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And many, many others...

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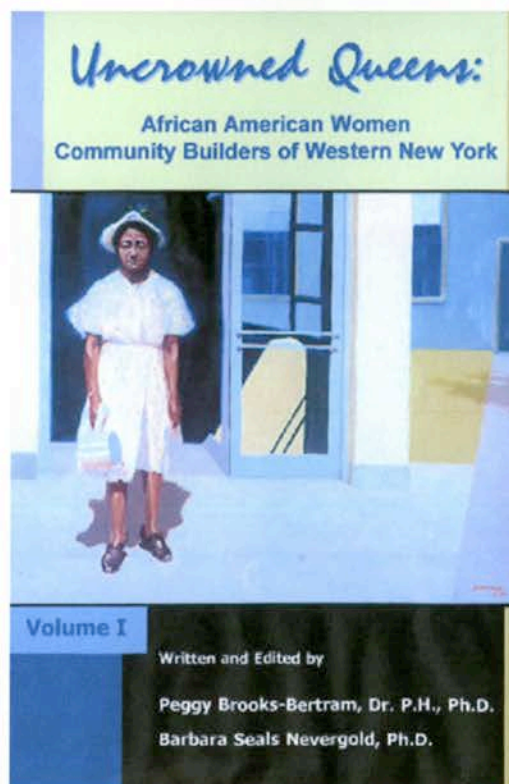
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Book Signing and Reception.

**Sunday,
October 20th at
2:00 pm**

Buffalo and Erie County
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About the Authors



Peggy Brooks-Bertram (left) and Barbara Seals Nevergold (right) have received many honors for their work on the Uncrowned Queens Project including the Williams Wells Brown Award, from the Afro

American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, for their efforts to chronicle and preserve local African American history. They received the University at Buffalo Star Award (2001) for outstanding work on the Pan-American Exposition Centennial celebration, and the UB Service Excellence Award (2002).

Women's organizations in the City of Buffalo also have recognized and awarded them for their work. They are recipients of the Excellence in Education Award from Xi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; The Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club's President's Award for Community Service; and the Buffalo Urban League's 2002 Community Service Award.

Drs. Nevergold and Bertram coauthored *Africans, Darkies and Negroes: Black Faces at the Pan American Exposition of 1901* (in press), a book on the history of African and African American involvement in the Pan American Exposition.

Their goal with the Uncrowned Queens Project is to export the Uncrowned Queens model in order to build a national network of Uncrowned Queens.

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===== BUFFALO URBAN LEAGUE HONORS UNCROWNED QUEENS FOUNDERS =====

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If you would like to attend the gala, please contact the Buffalo Urban League to make your reservation. Phone 716-854-7625, Fax: 716-854-8960.

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===== DAY 1: CONFERENCE KICKS OFF AT THE MUSEUM =====

The conference will kick off on November 15 with a plenary session at the Buffalo Museum of Science. Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold, co-founders, Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc., will discuss the organization of the Uncrowned Queens Institute and future directions.

In addition, Drs. Bertram and Nevergold will be on hand to sign copies of their new book, "Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York". The book features the biographies of 100

extraordinary women who have contributed to the growth and development of Western New York since the Pan American Exhibition of 1901.

==== DAY 2: CONFERENCE FEATURES A FULL SLATE OF ACTIVITIES =====

Day 2 of "Commemorating our Past, Preserving Our Present, Sustaining our Future" will be held on November 16 in Rockwell Hall at Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14213.

Registration and coffee will start at 8:00 AM. An opening Plenary Session will begin at 9:00 AM and feature Dr. Christopher Reed, author of "All the World's Here: the African Presence in White City". Dr. Reed will discuss the African American involvement in the Columbian World's Fair of 1893.

Other workshop presenters include: Dr. Daria Khaltournia from the Russian Academy of Sciences; Dr. Alexis DeVeaux, Chair UB Women's Studies Department; and Elizabeth J. Achieng Siwo-Okundi, University of Ohio.

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==== LOOKING FOR HISTORY ON UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

The UQ Institute seeks photos, newspaper articles, organizational reports/publications, letters or other materials related to any of our Uncrowned Queens. This material will be helpful in expanding and updating biographies. Please send this information to ATTN: Barbara Nevergold, UQ Institute, 984 Parkside Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14216.

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October 20, 2002 (Buffalo, New York)--The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. today has unveiled the first in a series of books that documents African-American women from Western New York who have played key roles in the growth and development of Buffalo and its suburbs since the Pan American Exposition of 1901 to present day. *Uncrowned Queens: African-American Women Community Builders of Western New York* is written by historians Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold. It features the biographies and photographs of one hundred extraordinary women who have lived their lives by striving to make the WNY community a better place to live and who have helped the community to evolve. These crowning achievers come from a myriad of educational, economic, religious, and social backgrounds.

The book contains an extensive introduction by Drs. Bertram and Nevergold about African American involvement in the Pan American Exhibition of 1901. Women such as Mary B. Talbert and Susan Evans, founding members of the Phyllis Wheatley Club of Colored Women and women in the forefront of protests against the Pan American Exhibition in its treatment of Blacks, are also featured in Volume I. The book includes the biographies of many women who were the "first" Blacks to achieve success in their field. These women include Eva Noles, the first black nurse to train in Buffalo; Edith Robinson, the first black female Assistant Deputy Commissioner – Erie County Social Services; Frances K. Hall, the first Black trained librarian in the City of Buffalo; Catherine Fisher Collins, the first African American nurse practitioner to graduate from the University at Buffalo's School of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner program; and many others.

The Uncrowned Queens Institute was established in 1999 by co-founders Drs. Brooks-Bertram and Nevergold. It has compiled a portion of the local history of Buffalo's African-American community that has only received scant attention, to date. The founders envisioned the organization as a vehicle to acknowledge and honor the accomplishments and contributions of modern-day Black women in WNY and those who lived in the era of the Pan American Exposition and beyond. More than 200 people are expected to be in attendance today for the book launch at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. Some of these guests include present-day Uncrowned Queens who are featured in the book.

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World Wide Web Site
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The launch of the Institute started out with only a Web site, <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>, but since has evolved into an organization that produces programs, discussions, and workshops for communities, schools, universities, and churches about the achievements of African-American women in WNY.

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Urban League gala will mark milestone

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News Staff Reporter
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In keeping with its 75th-anniversary theme, the Buffalo Urban League will spotlight community service on the national and local levels when it welcomes the organization's national president and honors dedicated community members during its annual gala.

"Celebrating 75 Years of Service to the Community," a black-tie fund-raising event, will be held Saturday in the Buffalo Convention Center. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction, followed by dinner and dancing at 7:30.



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Barbara A.
Seals Nevergold

Hugh B. Price, president of the National Urban League, will be the guest of honor in his first appearance at the Buffalo gala. His address will highlight the important role that the local organization has played in ensuring opportunities for African-Americans.

Price, who was named president in 1994, was formerly a member of the New York Times editorial board, senior vice president of the WNET/Thirteen television station in New York City and vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation.



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Those being honored for commitment to the community are:

- Deputy Assembly Speaker Arthur O. Eve, who will receive the William L. Evans and Whitney M. Young Humanitarian Award. Eve, who will retire from the Assembly next month, will be honored for his 35-year legislative record, which includes social, educational and employment measures. His accomplishments include the SEEK and Educational Opportunity Programs with the State University of New York, which send disadvantaged students to college; the establishment of the Geneva B. Scruggs Health System; and numerous laws to require affirmative action on state-funded projects.



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Aaron Mays

- Barry and Louise Snyder, who will be given the Family Life Award for devoting their lives to serving the community and contributing to the growth of the local economy. Barry Snyder owns Tuxedo Junction and is the founder of Great Skate Hockey Supply Co., the largest distributor of hockey equipment in the world. He is chairman of Greater Buffalo Savings Bank and a trustee of the University at Buffalo Foundation. Louise Snyder, a social worker who has supported and initiated humanitarian and



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Frank G. Evans



Lydia T. Wright

social worker who has supported and initiated humanitarian and education causes, is a trustee of the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Alliance Foundation, the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, and the Weinberg Campus.

• Dr. Lydia T. Wright and Dr. Frank G. Evans, who also will receive the Family Life Award for their service to the African-American community in professional and civic endeavors. In 1951, the two physicians opened offices on Jefferson Avenue and practiced medicine for more than 30 years, retiring in the late 1980s. Evans, who was an internist, has been president of the Buffalo Equity Foundation and the Alcoholic Commission of Western New York, and has served on the boards of the YMCA and several other organizations. Wright was the first African-American pediatrician in the city and the first African-American member of the School Board. In January of this year, Campus East School was renamed the Dr. Lydia T. Wright School of Excellence.

• Barbara A. Seals Nevergold and Peggy A. Brooks-Bertram, who will be honored with Community Life Awards for their Web-based project that honors Western New York African-American women of the past and present. Seals Nevergold, coordinator of student support services at the University at Buffalo Educational Opportunity Center, and Brooks-Bertram, a UB adjunct assistant professor in African-American studies in the Center for the Americas, started "Uncrowned Queens: African-American Community Builders of Western New York" as part of the centennial celebration of the 1901 Pan-American Exposition.

• Youssef A. Nasr, president and CEO of HSBC Bank USA, who also will receive the Community Life Award for the bank's dedication to a diverse work force and community development.

• Andrea M. Sease, a senior at Nardin Academy with a B-plus average, who has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. She will be honored with a Youth Award. She is an active member of the Nardin Academy community. Outside of school, she is a member of the Buffalo Youth and Young Adult Choral Society and was runner-up in the National Debutante Contest. She was chosen as a National Contour Challenge winner, entitling her and her science teacher to travel to Cape Canaveral, Fla., to visit the NASA facility and witness the launch of the Contour probe.

• Aaron Mays, a senior at Leonardo da Vinci High School who is interested in studying journalism in college and who also will receive the Youth Award. In tennis, he ranked second in the city. His honors include the National Honor Society, scholar-athlete awards and Who's Who Among American High School Students. At school, he is active on the school's student publication staff and serves as Student Council president. In the community, he has volunteered at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site and for the Urban League gala in past years.

Tickets for the event are \$100 per person, \$175 for a couple and \$875 for a table of 10. For reservations and information, call Pam Livingston at 854-7625, Ext. 209, e-mail her at plivingston@buffalo.urban.org.

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MISSION

The Mission of the Buffalo Urban League is to enable African Americans, other minorities, and disadvantaged individuals to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights.

The Buffalo Urban League was founded in 1927 by an interracial group of distinguished leaders. They united to address the employment, housing, and social needs of African Americans migrating from the South to the North and the various immigrant populations who had settled in the City of Buffalo.

As we celebrate our 75th year of service, the Buffalo Urban League will continue to make a difference in the lives of individuals in our community through advocacy, programs and services in the primary areas of: education, scholarship, training, job placement, housing, economic development, family support and adoption.

The Buffalo Urban League is an affiliate of the National Urban League, headquartered in New York City. The National Urban League spearheads our nonprofit, nonpartisan, community-based movement. The heart of the Urban League movement is our professionally staffed Urban League affiliates in over 100 cities in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

November 9, 2002

Dear Friends,



On behalf of HSBC Bank USA, I would like to welcome you to the 2002 Buffalo Urban League Gala, "Celebrating 75 Years of Service to the Community."

The year was 1927. Charles Lindbergh was TIME Magazine's "Man of the Year." "Showboat" was the big hit on Broadway and Babe Ruth was in the midst of a record-breaking 60 home run season—a record that would last for thirty years.

And in the city of Buffalo, a small group of people was planting seeds that are still bearing great fruit today in Western New York—establishing the Buffalo Urban League.

They made a priority of bringing people of all races together to ensure that every member of the community had access to quality education, housing, and job training.

The mission of the Urban League movement is to enable African-Americans to secure economic self-reliance, parity and power and civil rights—and seventy-five years later, that mission is no less critical.

Tonight, we gather to salute the Buffalo Urban League for its outstanding contribution to the quality of life in Western New York. All of us at HSBC wish them continued success in their mission and we pledge our support as they build for the future.

Sincerely,

Youssef A. Nasr
President & CEO
HSBC Bank USA



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Urban League, I welcome you to our 2002 Gala. The theme for this year's event is "Celebrating 75 Years of Service to the Community". This theme embodies the reality that the Buffalo Urban League has been a part of the very fiber that binds the Western New York Community together. Your attendance at this event tonight, shows your enthusiasm and willingness to be an active participant in helping to make a positive difference in Western New York. We sincerely thank you for all that you have done.

The mission of the Buffalo Urban League is to enable African Americans, other minorities, and disadvantaged individuals to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights. Tonight we will honor both individuals and organizations that, consistent with our mission, are leading the charge in making a difference in Buffalo. The awardees were selected for their commitment and contributions to improving our community, and their belief that through hard work and, if given an equal opportunity, everyone can succeed and achieve. We want to let our awardees know that the Buffalo Urban League applauds their efforts, and we appreciate what they are doing for the citizens of Western New York.

I would be remiss if I did not express gratitude for our President and CEO Brenda McDuffie for an outstanding job. It is through her passion and dedication that our mission is manifested in footwork, not just words. She makes sure that on the key issues which affect our city, the Buffalo Urban League is in the forefront, motivating continued community evolution. She ensures that the interests and needs of the clients and constituents we serve are represented.

Tonight is about celebration! Celebrating the accomplishments of the Buffalo Urban League, our honorees and our supporters. The Gala Committee, led by Eunice Lewin and Judy Boyle, has done an outstanding job in planning a memorable evening of auctions, dinner and dancing. Please, have a great time and if there is anything that I, or any other member of the Board of Directors can do to make your evening more enjoyable, please let us know.

We send best wishes for a spectacular evening!

Bill Ransom
Chairperson
Buffalo Urban League Board of Directors



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings and to thank you for attending the Buffalo Urban League's 2002 Gala,
"Celebrating 75 Years of Service to the Community."

The philosopher, Seneca, wrote, "Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness." Indeed, for the past 75 years, the Buffalo Urban League has been doing exactly that-capitalizing on opportunities for kindness while striving to level the playing field for African Americans and other minorities.

I graciously acknowledge the generous contributions of our sponsors, benefactors and volunteers. We could not have done it without you!

As we look towards the future, we welcome your continued support.

Enjoy the evening!

Eunice A. Lewin
Gala Chair, 2002

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October 25, 2002

Brenda McDuffie
President
Buffalo Urban League
15 East Genesee Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

Dear Brenda:

I am pleased to extend very warm greetings to the Buffalo Urban League as you commemorate your 75th Anniversary as an affiliate of this great Movement. It is an outstanding achievement and we all join in honoring you on this very special occasion.

Undoubtedly, the many years of dedicated service that your affiliate has provided to communities in Buffalo have made a positive difference in the lives of those you serve, especially the disadvantaged and underserved, preparing them for a brighter future for themselves and their families.

As you begin your next quarter century and continue your work in the spirit of the Movement, we wish you every success in your efforts to build a strong community that is self-sufficient and better equipped to take advantage of present and future economic opportunities.

Our best wishes for a successful celebration and for your future undertakings in service to your community.

Warmest regards,



Hugh B. Price
President



Dear Friends and Family:

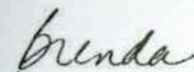
It is my great pleasure to welcome you to a very special evening in the history of our community that all of you have made a reality, this 75th anniversary celebration of the Buffalo Urban League. As we stand on the shoulders of our founders who envisioned a community where all people have access to opportunities, we must build on the strength of this foundation.

The need for the Buffalo Urban League is more compelling today than it was 75 years ago. In these complex and changing times, we continue to face challenges in the areas of education, employment, housing, economic development, family preservation, and race relations. Although we have achieved much, there is still so much more we must absolutely do to address these critical issues in our community. Your presence here tonight demonstrates our shared commitment to addressing these challenges together.

I salute our 2002 honorees who, on a daily basis, give so much to make a difference in this community and the many lives they touch. I want to acknowledge and thank Hugh B. Price, President of the National Urban League, for his exemplary leadership and tireless efforts in pursuit of our mission. I also want to thank our supporters, volunteers, staff and Board of Directors for their unwavering commitment to the Buffalo Urban League.

Today and tomorrow, we must remain vigilant and passionate in fulfilling our mission – "to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights". Tonight, we celebrate our great legacy and commit to building a future full of hope and fulfilled promises of opportunities for everyone in our community.

Have a great and memorable evening!



Brenda McDuffie
President/ CEO



STATE OF NEW YORK

GEORGE E. PATAKI
GOVERNOR

November 09, 2002

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to extend greetings and warm regards to all gathered for the 2002 Gala of the Buffalo Urban League.

The people of the Empire State share a vision for a better world and are dedicated to improving the quality of life within our communities. Celebrating 75 years of service, statewide Urban Leagues have been a valuable tool in the social, economic and cultural advancement of our African American communities. Encouraging greater inclusiveness in society, the Urban League continues to ensure that children are well-educated and prepared for the future and helps adults attain greater independence and economic self-sufficiency.

The Buffalo Urban League works to uphold the principles of justice and equality, and to promote the values of humanitarian service. Your members are to be commended for their efforts to reach out to people in our communities in an effort to make a difference that lasts a lifetime.

I join in congratulating your distinguished honorees, as these individuals are recognized for their noteworthy efforts to build a stronger community. It is through such dedicated work that we will continue to see meaningful changes and progress throughout the world. In celebrating this milestone in the history of your organization, all present this evening can be proud of their service to your organization and their commitment to its positive goals.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable event.

Very truly yours,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER STATE CAPITOL ALBANY 12224
<http://www.state.ny.us>



November 9, 2002

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings to each of you celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Buffalo Urban League. I am especially pleased to join my voice with yours in honoring Dr. Frank Evans, my good friend Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve, HSBC Bank USA, Aaron J. Mays, Andrea M. Sease, Barry and Louise Snyder, the Uncrowned Queens and Dr. Lydia T. Wright.

I am grateful for the members of the Buffalo Urban League who are dedicated to raising the quality of life of African Americans, other minorities and the disadvantaged. For 75 years, the Buffalo Urban League, through its advocacy and support of programs in the areas of education, scholarships, civil rights, housing, job training, adoption and economic development, has enabled families and individuals in the Buffalo community to become self-reliant. As we celebrate Buffalo's diversity, we must commit ourselves to lifting up all our people so that they will be in a position to take advantage of the opportunities that will be available to them in the future. I share your commitment and I commend your hard work and dedication.

I send my congratulations to tonight's honorees and to all of you my best wishes for a wonderful event.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
United States Senator

County of Erie Executive Chamber

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Urban League's mission is to enable African Americans, other minority groups and the disadvantaged to secure economic self-reliance and civil rights, and

WHEREAS, since 1927, the Buffalo Urban League has addressed the employment, housing and social needs of African Americans migrating from the South to the North and of those various immigrant populations who have settled in the City of Buffalo, and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Urban League is one of 110 proud affiliates of the National Urban League, and

WHEREAS, through its advocacy, programs and services, the Buffalo Urban League has provided help to hundreds of thousands in our community with assistance in education, civil rights, scholarships, job training and placements, housing, economic development, family support and adoptions,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **JOEL A. GIAMBRA**, Erie County Executive, do hereby recognize, honor and pay tribute to the **Buffalo Urban League** for its outstanding efforts on behalf of African Americans, other minorities and disadvantaged individuals and proclaim Saturday, November 9, 2002

"Buffalo Urban League Day"

in this Majestic County of Erie, of the Great State of New York, the Empire State, a cordial expression of esteem



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have caused to be affixed the
Seal of the County of Erie,
this 28th day of October, 2002

Joel A. Giambra
JOEL A. GIAMBRA
ERIE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

City of Buffalo Executive Chamber

Citation

BUFFALO URBAN LEAGUE, INC.

*On the occasion of its 75 years
of outstanding service to
Buffalo & Western New York*

October 29, 2002

As Mayor, and on behalf of the citizens of the City of Buffalo, it is an honor to recognize the outstanding service and many contributions the Buffalo Urban League, Inc., has made to Buffalo and Western New York on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary. The mission of the Urban League, to enable African Americans, and other minorities and disadvantaged individuals to secure economic self reliance, parity, power and civil rights, serves to elevate not only our community, but to society as a whole. Through its services, the Buffalo Urban League has distinguished itself among many organizations and agencies, providing advocacy, programs and services, while making a significant difference in the lives of many in the areas of: education, civil rights, scholarship, training, job placement, housing, economic development, family support and adoption. Its vision, leadership, and hard work have earned it the recognition of a grateful community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTHONY M. MASIELLO, Mayor of the City of Buffalo, do hereby recognize and convey official commendation to

THE BUFFALO URBAN LEAGUE, INC.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Seal of the
City of Buffalo to be
affixed this 29th day
of October, 2002

Anthony M. Masiello
ANTHONY M. MASIELLO
MAYOR OF BUFFALO

October 30, 2002

On behalf of the entire University at Buffalo community, congratulations to the Buffalo Urban League on its 75th anniversary! As you commemorate this truly meaningful milestone, please know that your friends and colleagues at UB partake in this celebration with you and share your great pride in all that the Buffalo Urban League has achieved in our city and the greater Buffalo-Niagara area. For three quarters of a century, the Buffalo Urban League has provided vital social services that have changed the lives of countless individuals throughout our city and region. We look forward to continuing to join hands with the Buffalo Urban League to build an even brighter future for our community in the years ahead.

Our warmest wishes go out to all of the guests attending the 2002 Gala, especially to Arthur Eve and the other exemplary Western New Yorkers whose invaluable contributions to our civic community are so justly honored this evening. Art's model of humanitarian statesmanship—and the dedicated, compassionate leadership of all of this year's honorees—exemplify the spirit, vision, and ideals that have guided the Buffalo Urban League over the past 75 years. On this festive occasion, the UB community is delighted to celebrate their achievements, and those of the great organization that pays tribute to them tonight. Heartfelt thanks for 75 years of outstanding service to our city—and here's to many more prosperous years to come!

Sincerely,



William R. Greiner
President



Buffalo Urban League 2002 Gala Honorary Chairs



Cynthia A. Ambres, M.D.
Executive Vice President
Chief Medical Officer
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Honorable Michael A. Battle



Youssef A. Nasr
President/CEO
HSBC Bank USA



Linda White **WKBW-TV**

Linda White is the host of WNY Live, Buffalo's first 4 o'clock news hour, which premiered on Monday, September 2, 2002. Prior to joining the Eyewitness News team, Linda was an anchor and Lifestyles reporter for nearly 8 years with WOOD TV in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Originally, from Akron, Ohio, Linda received her Bachelor of Science in journalism from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. After graduation, she worked as a morning anchor/police beat reporter at WAKC-TV in Akron from 1989 to 1994.

Linda is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and loves to volunteer in the community and school programs. In Michigan, Linda served on several Boards and was a Sunday school teacher at her church.

Her hobbies include roller blading, step aerobics, movies, reading career-related books, science fiction novels, and books by African-American authors.

In June 1998, Linda's life was changed when she adopted a five-year-old girl. Linda says, motherhood is certainly a challenge but says she is blessed to have this special little girl in her life.

Program

"Celebrating 75 Years of Service to Our Community"

Welcome

Linda H. White, Mistress of Ceremonies
Bill Ransom, Board Chair
Youssef A Nasr, President/CEO, HSBC Bank USA

Invocation

The Rev. Cameron R. Miller
Trinity Episcopal Church

~Dinner~

75th Anniversary Celebration

Mr. Hugh B. Price

Leroy R. Coles, Frank Curci, Eunice A. Lewin, Ann McCarthy,
Brenda W. McDuffie, Youssef A Nasr, Ron Pirtle, Bill Ransom

Awards

Presented by:

Cynthia A. Ambres, Michael A. Battle, Eunice A. Lewin,
Brenda W. McDuffie, Hugh B. Price, Bill Ransom

William L. Evans & Whitney M. Young Humanitarian Award

Honorable Arthur O. Eve

Family Life Award

Mr. & Mrs. Barry and Louise Snyder
Drs. Frank Evans & Lydia Wright

Community Service Award

HSBC Bank USA

Award accepted by: Mr. Youssef A Nasr, President/CEO

Uncrowned Queens

"African-American Community Builders of Western New York"

Award accepted by: Peggy A. Brooks-Bertram, PhD

Barbara A. Seals Nevergold, PhD, Founders

Youth Award

Ms. Andrea M. Sease, Nardin Academy High School
Mr. Aaron J. Mays, Leonardo da Vinci High School

Special Presentations

Raffle Drawing Throughout Evening

Enjoy Dancing to Music with the "Dimensions"

Menu

Harriet Tubman's "Black Eye Pea Soup"
Southern cornbread muffins

Poached Artichoke
Assorted Baby Lettuces
Sprinkled with Dry Apricots and Cranberries
Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing

Herb Breadsticks

Mango Intermezzo

Entrée

Roasted Breast of Capon with Wild Mushroom & Red Wine
Grilled Shrimp
Brown Sugar Yams
Baby Asparagus and Carrots

Dessert

"The Chapel" Birthday Cake
Columbian Coffee, Tea

Pinebrook Merlot
Inspiration Chardonnay

Bon Appetite



BUFFALO URBAN LEAGUE

2002 HONOREES

WILLIAM L. EVANS & WHITNEY M. YOUNG HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Honorable Arthur O. Eve

FAMILY LIFE AWARD

Frank Evans, MD & Lydia Wright, MD
Barry & Louise Snyder

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

HSBC BANK USA
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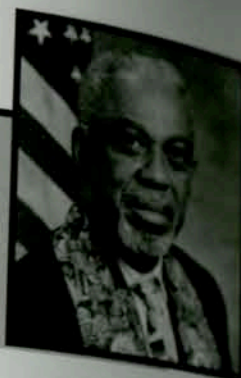
YOUTH AWARDS

Aaron J. Mays, Leonardo da Vinci High School
Andrea M. Sease, Nardin Academy High School



William L. Evans/Whitney M. Young Award

ARTHUR O. EVE



Arthur O. Eve was elected to represent the 144th Assembly District of New York State in 1966. For 36 years, the Deputy Speaker's record has been one of extensive sponsorship and support representing a wide range of issues including: education, economic development, job training, social services, crime prevention, parole reform, day care, and housing.

His accomplishments and outstanding contributions are too numerous to capture in this space. A few highlights of his highly illustrative career are as follows: In his first term of office in 1967, the Assemblyman created the \$39 million State University of New York SEEK/EOP Program, as well as other higher education programs for New York State. The Buffalo Hometown Plan and the Building Skills Assessment Center, which provided access and training to hundreds of minorities in the construction industry, was created by the Deputy Speaker in 1968. In 1978, Assemblyman Eve created the Seventy-Eight Restoration and Geneva B. Scruggs Community Health Care Facility and its Intermediate Care Facility (ICF). In 1979, Eve was appointed Deputy Speaker of the Assembly. As Deputy Speaker, Eve passed numerous legislative laws to require affirmative action on state-funded projects; funding of the African American Institute of the State University of New York (SUNY); and passage of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Bill. He enacted a bill to establish the Nurse Practitioner law in New York State. His Community Service Act legislation for the elderly has generated millions of dollars throughout the state for increased services to senior citizens. He has been in the forefront of increased voter registration and was the Assembly's prime sponsor of the Voter Registration-By Mail Act.

During the 1990s, Deputy Speaker Eve has passed funding for Regents Professional Opportunity Scholarships to encourage professionals to contribute back into the community by working in under-served areas in New York State. Deputy Eve helped secure funding for the revitalization of the Roswell Park Cancer Institute, our state's oldest cancer treatment hospital and developed the state's most comprehensive lead legislation that requires screening of pregnant women and children. During the 2000 legislative session, Deputy Speaker Eve sponsored and passed several key pieces of legislation that were signed into law including: A joint cooperative effort between the City of Buffalo and Buffalo Board of Education to construct new educational facilities and rehabilitate existing buildings; and the Hate Crimes Act of 2000 which establishes stricter punishments for those who commit hate crimes.

A lifetime recipient of countless national, state and local awards, Mr. Eve lives in Buffalo, New York with his wife Constance. They have raised five children and have seven grandchildren. Deputy Speaker Eve is a member of Elim Christian Fellowship.

Family Life Award

Dr. Frank G. Evans and Dr. Lydia T. Wright



"All things are possible . . . through Christ who strengthens you (Mark 10:27, Phil 4:13)," John Gardner. Drs. Frank Evans and Lydia T. Wright have earned a position of honor and respect for their dedicated and untiring service in providing medical, educational, and social change to the families of Buffalo.

Frank G. Evans was born in Rushville, Indiana in 1918. He attended Indiana University and graduated in 1941 with a B.S. degree in chemistry. Dr. Evans served in the U.S. Army from 1942 until 1943. In 1948, he graduated from the Medical School at the University of Indiana. After an Internship at Harlem Hospital in New York City, he completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Harlem Hospital.

Dr. Evans' many professional affiliations have included: Attending physician at the Millard Fillmore Hospital; faculty member of the School of Medicine, University of Buffalo; Staff of Our Lady of Victory and Deaconess Hospitals; Member of the American Academy of Family Practice; Diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice; Member of the Buffalo Family Practice Society and member of the Erie County and State Medical Societies. Dr. Evans practiced Internal Medicine (Family Practice) for 35 years before retiring in 1987.

Dr. Evans' numerous awards include the Red Jacket Award from the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society; the Gold Key Award from the YMCA of Buffalo and Erie County; the Medgar Evers Award from the NAACP; several awards from the Millard Fillmore Hospital; the Excellence in Health Care Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in 1986; and the City Council Award. Dr. Evans is an alumnus of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and President of the Buffalo Equity Foundation.

In 1951, Dr. Evans married Dr. Lydia T. Wright and together they opened offices at 1453 Jefferson Avenue in Buffalo, New York in 1952.

Lydia T. Wright was born in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1922 and was raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. She attended the University of Cincinnati and Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Wright graduated in 1947 from the Meharry Medical College in Nashville. After an Internship at Harlem Hospital in New York City, Dr. Wright completed her residency and post-graduate training at Children's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. After relocating to Buffalo, she became the city's first Black pediatrician.

Another outstanding milestone in Dr. Wright's career was becoming the first African American elected to the Buffalo School Board. Dr. Wright's tenure on the Board ran from 1962 to 1967. A fighter for civil rights, integration and quality education, Dr. Wright brought an important voice to policy affecting Buffalo Schools during the turbulent years of the 1960's, while maintaining a busy and demanding medical practice.

In recognition of the outstanding contributions of Dr. Wright to the Buffalo School system, and with the support and influence of her dear and close friend, Nan Clarkson, the Campus East school was renamed the Dr. Lydia T. Wright School of Excellence in January, 2001; a fully integrated school located on Appenheimer Avenue in Buffalo.

Dr. Wright's professional affiliations include the following: Attending Physician of Children's Hospital, faculty of the School of Medicine at the University of Buffalo, staff member of Millard Fillmore, Deaconess and the Buffalo General Hospitals, Member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics; Member of the Buffalo Pediatric Society; Member and former secretary of the Women's Physician's League; Member of the Erie County and State Medical Societies. In 2001, Dr. Wright was designated as one of Buffalo's Uncrowned Queens.

Dr. Evans and Dr. Wright have two children; Tamara Evans Rowland and Frank G. Evans, Jr., and two grandchildren; Alexander J. Rowland and Evan Baskin-Evans. The couple is members of the St. Phillips Episcopal Church.

Family Life Award

Barry and Louise Snyder



"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."
Winston Churchill.

The 27-year union of Barry and Louise has proven to be a vital asset to the Buffalo Community. Together they have devoted their lives to serving our community and contributing to the growth of our local economy.

Mr. Barry Snyder, a native of Western New York, intuitively predestined to become a triumphant entrepreneur, worked with his father in their family owned business, Henry's Hamburgers. Even before he completed a Bachelors of Arts Degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, he had already begun his first successful venture by purchasing ten tuxedos from a supplier to launch the grand opening of the first Tuxedo Junction. Today, Tuxedo Junction is a chain of 38 stores with approximate 500 affiliated dealers servicing eight states. Mr. Snyder is also the founder of world renowned Great Skate Hockey Supply Company, the largest distributor of hockey equipment in the United States.

Among Mr. Snyder's many civic activities, he has served on the boards of Medaille College, St. Mary's School for the Deaf, Millard Fillmore Hospital Foundation, Studio Arena Theater, Nichols School, and the Investment Committee of the Regional Development Corporation for Buffalo and Erie Counties. He is currently a trustee for the University of Buffalo Foundation. Over the last three years, as Board Chairman Mr. Snyder has led the establishment of the newly founded Greater Buffalo Savings Bank.

Mrs. Louise Snyder is also a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo. She is a dedicated social worker and has been a leader in our community, initiating and supporting many noteworthy humanitarian and education causes. As Director of the Medaille College Evening Program, she co-founded the 2 + 2 = 12 credit program as a means of assisting the local workforce to advance in their careers.

She has served as a past trustee of the Elmwood Franklin School, National Conference of Community and Justice, and Studio Arena Theatre. Mrs. Snyder was also the past chair of the Hospice Foundation, Vice President of the East Aurora School Board, and President of the Maria M. Love Convalescent Fund. At present, she is a trustee at Roswell Park Cancer Institute Alliance Foundation, the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, and the Weinberg Campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder can be proud that their commitment to philanthropic ideals is shared by their children and appreciated by many others whose lives this family has touched. "We encouraged our children to be philanthropists," stated Mrs. Snyder. With their parents guidance and support, their children, Linsey and Andy Snyder started early by supporting several fund-raising events and providing needed services to the underserved in the Buffalo Community. Today, as young adults, their children continue to expand the family's community involvement as founders of the United Way Youth Citizenship Award; assisting HIV patients at the Arnold Palmer Medical Center and Children's Pediatric Ward at St. Vincent Hospital; and by supporting area theatrical and art groups.

Community Service Award

HSBC BANK USA



As an organization committed to diversity, HSBC is proud to support the Urban Leagues in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and New York City through programs, contributions, board representation, and job and housing development programs. For example, the bank partners with the Buffalo Urban League in the New Horizons Program, which offers training and career development for under-served populations.

Dedicated to continuing to increase the diversity of its customer base and workforce, HSBC actively markets its programs, services, and job openings in minority publications and in minority communities. Employment involvement in the Urban Financial Services Coalition is encouraged and employees Jennifer Washington and Leisha Gordon have served as presidents of the group's Buffalo chapter.

The bank's Employee Diversity Initiative involves mentoring, advancement, recruitment and leadership for minorities and supports events and activities in observance of Black History Month. In the community, HSBC supports minority entrepreneurial and SBA lending programs and solicits input from community leaders, not-for-profits and ministers through its community advisory boards.

Through HSBC's Community Development program, the bank has managed the development and construction of inner-city homes and has also created the "First Home Club" to allow more families to achieve the American dream of homeownership. The bank also provides discounted mortgage rates through its Community Works program for inner city and low-income communities. HSBC advocates for fair housing and combats predatory lending, most recently partnering with the Better Business Bureau to publish and distribute "Your Rights as a Borrower."

HSBC is also committed to minority youth programs and is especially proud of its award-winning Project Jumpstart partnership with Riverside Institute of Technology (formerly Riverside High School)—a wide ranging program that includes an internship program, scholarships, job training, mentoring, and capital support.

HSBC also lends its support to the Buffalo Alliance for Education's Field Trip Fund, Computer for Children, numerous minority scholarship programs (including the Urban League's) and sponsorship of Buffalo Prep's Primary Prep Summer Program for minority 5th and 6th graders. HSBC also provides financial support and employee participation to Junior Achievement and Literacy Volunteers of WNY.

Community Service Award

Barbara Seals Nevergold, Ph.D



Barbara Seals Nevergold, Ph.D., and Peggy Brooks-Bertram, P.H., Ph.D., are the co-founders of the Uncrowned Queens Project. Conceived in 1999, the Uncrowned Queens Project was initially a focus group of the Women's Pavilion Pan Am 2001, Inc. The group's name, *Uncrowned Queens*, was derived from a poem of the same name by Drusilla Dunjee Houston. Written in 1917 to honor African American Women this poem captures the essence of the Uncrowned Queens Project: *acknowledging the contributions and accomplishments of*

hundreds of unsung heroines.

In their roles as co-chairs of the Uncrowned Queens' focus group, Drs. Brooks-Bertram and Nevergold envisioned the project as a vehicle to honor the Black women of Western New York who had lived or live in the era from the Pan American Exposition to the present.

The project also provides an extensive examination of the role that the African American community played in the Pan American Exposition of 1901, and how African Americans were viewed during that era.

This innovative and exciting project utilizes the technology of the Internet and website as a principle medium to serve as:

- A repository and tool for the collection, dissemination and preservation of the history of individual Black women and Black women's organizations, as well as the history of the Black community of Western New York, in particular those associated with the Pan American Exposition of 1901.
- A mechanism to recognize and honor these women for their accomplishments and contributions of community buildings.
- An educational resource for the enhancement of local history and sociology.
- A community resource that encourages, enhances and helps to formulate partnerships and collaborations between diverse sets of organizations, e.g. community based organizations, civic groups, private and public sector businesses, educational institutions, faith-based institutions, and media groups.

The Uncrowned Queens' co-founders have appeared on countless radio and television programs and have been interviewed for numerous newspaper and magazine articles. Drs. Brooks-Bertram and Nevergold have each authored papers on the Pan American 1901 experience and have co-authored two recently released books: *Africans, Darkies and Negroes: Black Faces at the Pan American Exposition, Buffalo, New York 1901* and *Uncrowned Queens: African American Community Builders*.

The Uncrowned Queens Project has stimulated community educational workshops in community-based organizations, universities, colleges, schools and churches. This project has far exceeded the expectations of its founders and others who expected it would sunset with the Women's Pavilion in 2002. The website is receiving more than 20,000 hits per month and steadily increasing.

Future plans include incorporation of the project as an organization that will perpetuate the work initiated under the original mission and vision. The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. is envisioned as an organization that will conduct research, compile and disseminate information and provide educational enrichment on issues concerning and affecting women of color.

Peggy Brooks Bertram, Ph.D.



Buffalo Urban League Youth Award

Andrea M. Sease



Andrea M. Sease is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry A. Sease. A senior at Nardin Academy, she has a B+ average, and has been nominated to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for the last two years. She is hoping to major in one of the Physical Sciences (Chemistry or Biochemistry) at Cornell University and eventually obtain a Doctorate in chemistry, biomedical engineering, or astronomy.

At Nardin Academy, she is an actively involved in many organizations and extracurricular activities. Andrea has been a member of the orchestra for 4 years and has served as a member of the pit orchestra for school musicals and plays. She has participated in the Quiz bowl (president this year) chorus, indoor track, science network, and the science club. Participating in the annual Science Olympiad, she won the silver medal in the "Reach for the Stars" event in the spring of 2002. On the Annual National Latin Exam, she has been awarded *maxima cum laude* status two years in a row.

Her activities outside of school include the Buffalo Youth and Young Adult Choral Society (affiliated with the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses). She has been an officer 3 of her 4 participating years and was named "Officer of the Year" for 2002. In 2002, she represented the Debutante at the annual convention in Nashville, Tennessee where she came in second place. She has also participated in the Vision Quest Orchestra, a community gospel orchestra, Olmsted Tree Plantings in Martin Luther King Park and various other volunteer activities.

Because of her two years of volunteer activities at the Buffalo Museum of Science, she was offered a part time position. There she performed sun shows, gave talks on the International Space station and their planetarium. She also assisted during the weekend camp-ins for various youth organizations. In addition, she recruited other Nardin students as volunteers for events.

The highlight of her past year was being elected as a National Contour Challenge Winner. She has been named a semi-finalist for the National Black Scholastic Achievements after taking the PSAT. This honor entitled her to travel with her science teacher to Cape Canaveral (Cape Kennedy) to visit the NASA facility, interact with the scientists associated with the mission and to see the launching of the Contour Probe. Through this experience, she is working with her science teacher, Ms. Bebak, on an educational outreach program on comets and man's quest to understand them. The completed project will include demonstrations at the Buffalo Museum of Science as well as information on a web page for the Nardin Web-site.

Buffalo Urban League Youth Award

Aaron Mays



The son of Charles and Phyllis Mays, Aaron is a seventeen-year-old senior attending Leonardo da Vinci High School on D'Youville College's campus. Aaron James Mays is a native of Buffalo, New York. He is interested in studying journalism at Syracuse University or Northwestern University.

At Frederick Law Olmsted #56, he was enrolled in Olmsted's Gifted and Talented Program. Aaron was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society and elected Student Council Secretary in the eighth grade.

In his high school years, Aaron has already received numerous awards and recognitions, including: National Honor Society, Scholar/Athlete Awards, where he ranked second in the city for Tennis, *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and the Benjamin Banneker Award of Excellence in Math and Science. He has participated in many school-related activities including: The Debate Team, Student Council, Tennis, and Inter-High while balancing college level courses. In Aaron's junior year, he became the co-editor of Da Vinci's school newspaper *The Renaissance* and the school's literary magazine *The Art of Dreams*. As a part of Student Council, he developed a policy to better organize student activities and fundraisers. Currently, he serves as Student Council President and as a member of the Inter-High Senate. He has represented his high school at meetings and competitions such as the Theodore Roosevelt Speaking Contest and the National Conference for Community and Justice.

In addition to his participation in school activities, Aaron regularly volunteers at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site where he works with young children. In conjunction with Da Vinci High School, he has been one of the Buffalo Urban League Gala volunteers for several years. He has performed in the community play, *Stolen Childhood* (2000), and shadowed Channel 2 News with the Explorers Program. He is a graduate of the Buffalo Prep Program and volunteers there also.

He divides his spare time between reading, spending time with family and friends, and attending service at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.



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Ms. Gwendolyn Greene is the current keeper of the Buffalo Urban League legacy. Her stepfather, William L. Evans, was the first executive director.

"An early impression was my ability to meet young people from other parts of the community. We were aware of the fact that the Urban League had very high standards for behavior."



1930: Sitting in Memorial

Buffalo Urban League FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow...

CHAPTER ONE: 1927-1950

The beginning of any legacy is a single vision, a first step and a link in a continuum from the past to the future. The legacy of the Buffalo Urban League began some 75 years ago, at a time when European immigrants were flooding into the City's Ellicott District in search of the American dream -- and historic numbers of African Americans began migrating North from Jim Crow South, in search of that same dream.

In 1925, prompted by the National Urban League -- and a study conducted at its request by Dr. Charles Johnson of Fisk University -- an interracial group of prominent Buffalonians united to address the employment, housing and social needs of the City's rapidly changing demographics. In 1927, with generous funding from Mrs. Alfred H. Schoellkopf, the Buffalo affiliate of the National Urban League opened on 357 William Street. Mr. William L. Evans, the first executive director, went on to serve the agency for the next 37 years.



1930: The "Chapel"

In 1929 the League joined with the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church to establish its first community center. Formerly known as "The Chapel," the three-story building at 155 Cedar Street became officially known as Memorial Center and Urban League, Inc.

By 1930 and the dawn of the Depression Era, there were more than 13,500 African Americans in Buffalo -- up from a population of 9,000 circa 1927. In response, the League continued to provide support to the City's many European immigrants, and set specific objectives to help Buffalo's new



1940: Basketball

African American residents adjust to the new rigors of urban life, and to help families meet the challenges of finding employment.

At the Cedar Street Center, the League held teen dances and holiday parties, staged musicals and dramas, and hosted formal dinners. There were Campfire Girl groups and Boy Scout troops -- and 12 basketball teams that competed citywide. Mothers joined the Home Bureau for sewing, cooking, home decorating, parenting and budgeting classes, and attended the Well Baby Clinic. A young adult forum provided education and social activities

BRICKS AND MORTAR

THE URBAN LEAGUE WAS A PIONEER IN THE VISITING TEACHERS CONCEPT. DURING ITS EARLY YEARS, UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF WILLIAM L. EVANS, THEY HIRED MISS BEATRICE TAYLOR TO DEAL WITH TRUANCY, ABUSE, LEARNING PROBLEMS, PARENTAL NEGLECT AND HOUSING.



1934: Music lesson

DURING THE THREE YEARS OF THE WPA (WORKERS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION), THE URBAN LEAGUE HOUSED A CLASSIC ORCHESTRA WHICH EVOLVED INTO THE BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

Buffalo Urban League

FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow...



1933: Boy Scout camp

"The Urban League at that time drew in a lot of people, either as participants or spectators. ...There were parents who would not let their children go any place else but to the Urban League."



1920: Shop class



1939: Summer Camp



1965: Student fun

BRICKS AND MORTAR

THE BUFFALO URBAN LEAGUE ORGANIZED THE FIRST TALBERT MALL TENANTS COUNCIL, WHICH ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS TO TAKE CARE OF THE PREMISES AND SET STANDARDS FOR GOOD HOUSEKEEPING.

and an industrial relations department offered job screening and referrals well into WWII, meeting the post-war demand for service.

It was an era of high visibility. When the League raised a record \$1.2 million in war bonds, General Benjamin O. Davis, the highest-ranking Black officer in the U.S. Army, came to commend the League and participated in a parade. Mary McLeod Bethune inspired attendees at an annual League meeting.

As WWII ended, the League offered supervised recreation for the children whose parents worked multiple shifts, and staff worked to open doors of employment to newly discharged veterans. In 1948, the Urban League Guild, its volunteer



1950: Urban League Guild

1950-1975: POST-WAR, MODERN DAY CHALLENGES

By the early 1950s, as the League marked its 25th year, the City's decaying neighborhoods raised new challenges. In response, the League increased its emphases on community organization, family counseling and education -- and took a lead role in local plans for urban renewal and school desegregation. In 1959, as the Civil Rights Movement swelled and the Cedar Street "Chapel" itself fell to urban renewal, the League moved to the Talbert Mall housing project at Jefferson Avenue and Clinton Street. The new facility limited group work to senior services and after school tutoring -- but staff went into the community and worked with street gangs to reduce juvenile delinquency, and with parents, schools and churches to groom youth leaders.

The rise of the Civil Rights Movement meant significant changes for the National Urban League and its 58 affiliate agencies -- and in 1961 Whitney M. Young Jr. became its new national leader.



1962: Parade during



1962: Citizenship award to William Evans.



1982: Neighborhood award.

"Without the Urban League, I think there would be a natural separation of racial groups."



1960: Reception

"Past days of encouraging self-esteem, career guidance, team work and responsible behavior have led to today's good citizens..."

"Many of today's Black leaders came through the Urban League's program many years ago..."

MEL OWEN/OLYMPIAN GREENE



1980s: IBM typing class.

In 1963, Nelson H. Nichols Jr. came from Omaha, Nebraska to succeed William Evans as the League's second executive director. In the turbulent years that followed, Buffalo Urban League leaders were consulted by police and other authorities in counseling gang leaders. The turbulent 60s era was followed by an infusion of federal dollars, which the League used to set up programs for employment, training, education and economic opportunity..

In 1964, longtime board member Mary C. Miller willed \$80,000 to the League to establish a scholarship fund for Black students. By the mid-70s, the League was experiencing an influx of college-educated, well-qualified Black professionals -- and placing them in professional, upwardly mobile jobs. Gradually, Buffalo's Black families became able to afford better housing in better neighborhoods.

1975-1995: COMMITMENT TO CHANGE

In 1972, Vernon Jordan became the new head of the National Urban League; later that year, Leroy R. Coles became the third executive director of the Buffalo affiliate. Over the next few years, the success of the League's On-the-Job Training Project led to a \$1.2 million contract with the City. During the 80s, the AVE (Adolescent Vocational Exploration) Program helped youth to achieve education and career objectives. Other initiatives focused on housing assistance and subsidized part-time employment for seniors. In 1982, John E. Jacob succeeded Vernon Jordan at the helm of the Urban League movement. By 1987, under Cole's hand, the Buffalo Urban League raised \$1.07 million to purchase its present headquarters at 15 East Genesee Street.

During the 90s, the League continued its focus on economic, education and environmental issues. The Structured Educational Support Program (SESP) offered academic support for high school students; PALS (Principle of the Alphabet Literacy System) was a computer-based literacy program; and the Minority and Women Revolving Loan Trust Fund provided low-interest loans. During this decade, the League also established the Community Alliance for Minority and Multi-Needs Adoption Program (CAMMAP).

Today, with High B. Price at the head of the national movement, the Buffalo Urban League continues to carry forward with pride its founding mission -- to improve the quality of life for diverse community it serves. ■



1980s: Mrs. McDuff

Buffalo Urban League

FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

1995-2002: WHERE WE ARE TODAY...

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



DANIEL SOFFIN is a member of the Honors College at Michigan State, and in May 2003 will receive degrees in chemical engineering and chemistry. In addition to Procter & Gamble, Georgia Pacific and Eli Lilly, Daniel is being courted by DuPont, Dow Chemical Company and 3M. During the summer of 2002, he was selected as one of 70 students nationwide to participate in the Harvard Business School Summer Venture in Management program. He was also vice president of the Michigan State chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers.



YOUTH PROGRAM

"It was uplifting to be part of a Youth Program that taught teamwork, career goal-setting and value in community. It helped us to formulate our professional aspirations and further build our self-confidence."

MONIQUE CRAWFORD

currently is a Call Center Manager/Consumer Sales for Verizon Communications. She joined the Buffalo Urban League Youth Program in high school. After graduation in 1983, she earned a B.S. (1987), MBA (1995) and Master's degree in Telecommunications Management (2000) from Canisius College. She has received numerous awards during her Verizon career.



Education and Employment

"I really want to make a difference in society. The assistance that the Buffalo Urban League provided to me has prepared me to give back to others, and to help those that follow me. That is why I will further my education after I graduate by earning a teaching certificate, so that I can give back to the community."

Housing and Community Development

"I used to be involved in real estate and could not find programs that would actually deliver the assistance promised to people. The Buffalo Urban League certainly came through and is making the purchase of my home a reality."

The Housing Program helped **BRIAN and TINA CRAGG** save their house from foreclosure.



"The Buffalo Urban League provided our family with financial assistance. It is nice to know that there is help for Buffalo area families in time of crisis."



HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM

FRANK GARCIA JR. participated in the Home Ownership Program and was awarded \$5,000 to use as his down payment for his first home. The Buffalo Urban League offers the workshop in partnership with several community organizations to encourage area residents to become home owners.

Family Preservation and Support



CAMMAP (COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY AND MULTI-NEEDS ADOPTION PROGRAM)

"My children were grown and I wanted to offer my skills as a schoolteacher, love and guidance to others. The first child that I adopted was Shawn at 9 years old. He is now 28 years old and living in Texas. Tasha was 9 years old when I adopted her, and is now 24 years old living in North Dakota. The third child, Demitreus, was 7 years old and is now 23 years old. I would like to continue to encourage others to adopt. The Buffalo Urban League has an excellent program that provides a lot of support and guidance, making the transition warm and exciting."



CYNTHIA YARBOROUGH heard about the Buffalo Urban League Community Alliance for Minority and Multi-Needs Adoption Program from friends 19 years ago. Throughout the years, she has remained active as a CAMMAP volunteer and spokesperson. She is president of the parent group and assists with counseling and training parents that have adopted children. In preparation for her fourth adoption -- she is expecting two siblings, a 12-year-old boy and his 5-year-old sister -- Ms. Yarroworth is planning a December 2002 trip to Disney World.



CONNECTING YESTERDAY to TOMORROW

"The Buffalo Urban League will lead the coordination and cooperation among existing agencies and organizations for improving economic, education, social and spiritual conditions for African Americans and other people of color, and for under-represented groups."



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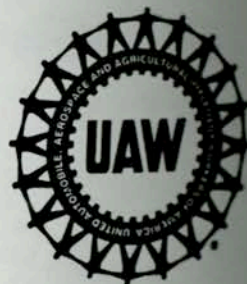
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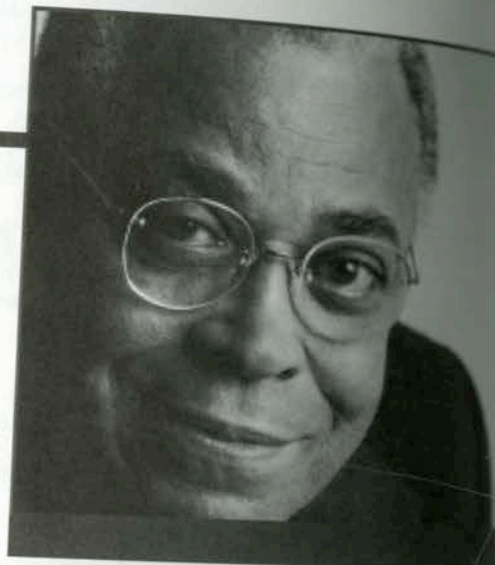
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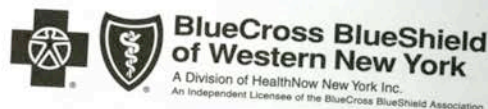
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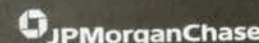
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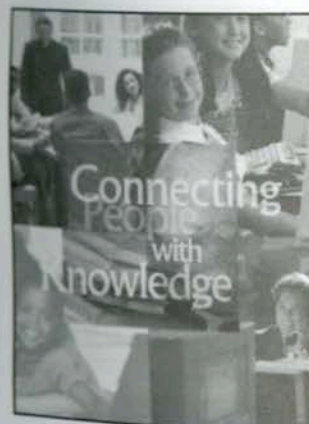
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Urban League braces for new challenges

By JAY TOKASZ
News Staff Reporter
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Hugh B. Price, national Urban League president, chats with Barbara A. Seals Nevergold, left, and Peggy A. Brooks-Bertram, two of those honored Saturday night.



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Retired Army Maj. Henry S. Williams Jr. and wife Maecola examine silent-auction items at the Urban League gala.

In 1927, African-Americans flowed into Northern industrial cities like Buffalo seeking decent jobs and running into a wall of racial discrimination trying to land them.

The Buffalo Urban League was established to help black families migrating from the South find those jobs, as well as homes and roots in the community.

Seventy-five years later, the challenges facing the agency might be different, but they're still very much there, said Brenda W. McDuffie, president of the Buffalo Urban League.

"Likewise today, we have many obstacles to individuals achieving access to opportunity," McDuffie said.

And the mission of the downtown agency, she said, remains the same - to create opportunities.

More than 1,400 people gathered Saturday evening to celebrate the milestone anniversary - 75 years of creating opportunities - during a black-tie gala in the Buffalo Convention Center.

The event is expected to raise more than \$250,000 for the agency, which will use the money to help people find jobs, to provide housing aid and to award scholarships to high school and college students.

The evening included a silent auction featuring more than 100 items for bid, such as a Buffalo Bills jersey autographed by Mike Williams and a hotel getaway weekend in the Adam's Mark.

The event is the Urban League's largest fund-raiser.

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Hugh B. Price, national Urban League president, was on hand to share in the celebration.

The biggest change in 75 years for Urban Leagues around the country and the national organization has been a greater focus on economic issues and preparing people for work.

"We are more sharply focused on getting people in the economic mainstream of society," said Price said.

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Conference will celebrate legacy of black women

By EMMA D. SAPONG

News Staff Reporter

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ments of African-American women of the past and present in a variety of ways.

From Amelia Grace Anderson, a teacher and community leader in the 1920s and 1930s, to Lorna Hill, founder and executive director of Ujima Theatre, which showcases top-rate theatrical productions, the Web site has honored 500 African-American women.

Now, in a new book, "Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York, Vol. I," 100 of those women are featured with their biographical sketches.

"Our goal is to reiterate the role that African-American women have played in this community and identify the groups and individuals who have also maintained those symbols and attributes of the culture," said Nevergold. "And we certainly want to engage young people for them to appreciate and reclaim that history."

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The conference will provide a forum to share and discuss information about the development of black women's biographies; history of African American contributions to local community development; and history of African American involvement in world's fairs. A Special Family History Educational Workshop for Youth also will be conducted during the conference.

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Conference Evaluation

Dear participants, please take a few minutes to complete this evaluation form, for any part of the conference that you attended. Your feedback is very important to us, so we ask that you complete this form and turn it in before you leave today. Your responses will help us to improve future conferences and presentations. Thank you for your assistance.

On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate the following?

(1) Strongly disagree (2) disagree (3) _____ (4) agree (5) strongly agree

Opening Plenary: November 15, 2002:
Buffalo Museum of Science

- A. The registration process was well organized and efficient. _____
- B. The plenary speaker(s) was well prepared. _____
- C. The plenary speaker(s) was well organized. _____
- D. The plenary speaker(s) was knowledgeable and informative. _____
- E. The length of the program was adequate. _____
- F. The caterers provided food that was attractively arranged and delicious. _____
- G. The overall the rating for this session would be excellent. _____

Symposium: November 16, 2002
Buffalo State College

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Please circle the workshop session(s) you attending and respond to the following questions using the scale provided.

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African Diaspora in Moscow

- A. The presenter was well prepared. _____
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African Diaspora in Moscow
Writing Your Biographical Sketch

Building "Sheros"
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- C. The presenter was knowledgeable and informative. _____
- D. The presenter provided time for audience interaction. _____
- E. The length of this session was adequate. _____

Overall rating of Conference (*circle one*): Excellent Good Fair Poor

I would change the following about this conference: _____

The best feature of this conference was: _____

The weakest feature of this conference was: _____

Additional comments:

Proposal for a Family History Seminar for Teens at the UQ Conference 2002 – Buffalo State College; November 15-16th. This session would be conducted on the 16th and would encompass most of the day.

A special track, during the 2nd. annual Uncrowned Queens Conference, will be offered to teen women and men; aged 13 – 18. The purpose of this track is to teach young people the rudiments of family history/genealogical research. There will be three to four workshops in this track. Each workshop will be limited to a group of six to eight participants. (Proposed schedule attached) Materials needed: each participant will receive a tape recorder and tapes, a camera, notebook etc.

Goals:

- 1) To promote intergenerational interaction between young people and their elders that results in a tangible outcome and promotes a sense of connectedness.
- 2) To appreciate the role of elders in family history documentation
- 3) To understand the importance of oral history as part of one's personal/group history.
- 4) To learn the rudiments of family/oral history interview process.
- 5) To learn about sources/resources, including the Internet, to gather family/community history.
- 6) To develop a personal written history.

Possibility: This group would be offered additional workshops; At the conclusion of this workshop they would get an assignment; e.g. to interview a family member and tape the interview accompanied by photos. The youngsters would write up their interviews to share during this follow-up meeting.

I would like to ultimately have these young people do a project that would connect them with an Uncrowned Queen who they would interview and we would film this interview. This is an opportunity to create a pilot project that would result in the development of a series/curriculum to teach family history to young people.

BN 11/17/02 Uncrowned Queens conference looks to accomplishments in U.S., worldwide

By EMMA D. SAPONG

News Staff Reporter

After a year spent honoring 500 local African-American women community builders, the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education decided to spread its wings during its second annual conference Saturday.

During the conference, "Commemorating Our Past, Preserving Our Present, Sustaining Our Future," the focus wasn't only Western New York African-American women, but it took a national and a international turn.

The conference, which started Friday and concluded Saturday in Rockwell Hall at Buffalo State College, included presentations about the African presence in Russia and the accomplishments of African-American women in Chicago.

"We've broadened our scope to include the lives and work of women in the African diaspora," said Barbara Seals Nevergold, co-founder of the institute. "We look forward to the organization becoming well-known locally, nationally and internationally."

The conference sprouted from the Web-based "Uncrowned Queens: African-American Community Builders of Western New York" project, which was created by Nevergold, director of student support services at the University at Buffalo's Educational Opportunity Center, and Peggy Brooks-Bertram, a UB adjunct assistant professor in African-American studies in the Center for the Americas. The Web project was part of the centennial celebration of the 1901 Pan-American Exposition.

Daria A. Khaltourina of the Institute for African Studies at the



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At the conference, Elizabeth J. Achieng Siwo-Okundi speaks about being a black student leader on a predominantly white campus.

Russian Academy of Sciences spoke about the African diaspora and Moscow. Women of African descent in Russia are prominent in entertainment and other fields, but they face threats from hate groups and battle stereotypes, she said.

Christopher Reed, a professor at Chicago's Roosevelt University, shared stories about trailblazing African-American women in Chicago. He said they played numerous and important roles in building the city, and they were lecturers and presenters during the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893.

About 125 people attended the conference, which offered a variety of workshops about preservation of local history and historic sites, such as the Jesse E. Nash House, and writing biographical sketches and other topics.

"This conference is very necessary for Buffalo," said Vonetta Rhodes, a UB student. "I wish more women were here, especially teenagers. They really need positive role models here. I feel em-

powered by what I'm seeing and hearing."

The event also honored individuals with "cultural keepers" awards for writing or promoting Western New York's black history. Among those honored were Al-Nisa Banks, publisher and editor of the Challenger newspaper, and the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier.

"They are the people that have worked to rescue the history of African-American people in the region," said Brooks-Bertram, co-founder of the institute.

The conference had workshops geared toward youngsters, teaching how to record family histories.

"I learned about other people's family history, and it made me want to look at my family," said Tracey Todd, a sophomore at Villa Maria Academy. "I learned it's important to ask elders questions about history so you know where you come from."

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===== SEASON'S GREETINGS =====

The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. wishes everyone Happy Holidays! We look forward to a prosperous and healthy New Year for all.

In this DECEMBER 2002 edition of the on-line newsletter, we are highlighting some recent accomplishments for several of our Uncrowned Queens.

===== KUDOS TO QUEENS =====

The Uncrowned Queens Institute is pleased to acknowledge the recent accomplishments of several of our nominees. Keep up the great work ladies! The community needs you!

Cecelia Henderson was elected to the position of National Secretary of the Links, Inc.

The Hon. Shirley Troutman was elected to Erie County Judge. When she is sworn in, in January, she will be the first African American to hold that position.

Dr. Lydia Wright, and her husband Dr. Frank Evans, received the 2002 Family Life Award from the Buffalo Urban League.

Hon. Rose Sconiers was elected president of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. She is the first African American woman to head the organization.

Juanita Hunter, Ph.D. received the New York State Nurses Association's highest honor, the Honorary Recognition Award.

Georgia Burnette had an extensive article on the life of the late Harold Robinson, entitled "The Hero Next Door" published in the Viewpoints section of the November 10th edition of the Buffalo News.

===== HIGHLIGHT OF THE CONFERENCE =====

UQ's Second Annual Conference, Commemorating Our Past, Preserving Our Present, Sustaining Our Future, included a special addition that attracted twenty young people, ages 13-18, who wanted to learn how to research their family histories. Following the viewing of a special video that featured

local family historians who shared their experiences and motivation to search for their roots, the youngsters were divided into three groups. Several of the group facilitators were also individuals interviewed for the video. One feature of the workshops was instruction on interviewing techniques. The young people were given tape recorders and an assignment to interview an adult during the lunch break. The youngsters cited this hands-on experience as very instructive and enjoyable. Some comments:

"The best part was doing the interviews. I think so because it could help us in the future."

"The best part was the interviewing someone about their family background"

"The best part was interviewing part was interviewing our partners and also learning the stories that the ladies was telling us. It got me a new hobby. I am going to find out a lot of things about my family."

"The best part was doing the family tree."

===== UPCOMING EVENTS =====

DECEMBER 14: Barbara Seals Nevergold and Peggy Brooks-Bertram will be at the Ujamaa Market, sponsored by Grassroots, Inc. on Dec. 14th at the Delavan Grider Center. The sale starts at 10am.

===== THE PERFECT ZAWADI FOR KWANZAA =====

"Uncrowned Queens: African American Community Builders of Western New York", Volume I is now available for purchase from the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. The book includes an introduction and the biographical sketches and photographs of 100 Uncrowned Queens.

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===== LOOKING FOR HISTORY ON UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

The UQ Institute seeks photos, newspaper articles, organizational reports/publications, letters or other materials related to any of our Uncrowned Queens. This material will be helpful in expanding and updating biographies. Please send this information to ATTN: Barbara Nevergold, UQ Institute, 984 Parkside Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14216.

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